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President Barack Obama walks from the Oval Office to the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, May 27, 2014, to speak about the future of American troops in Afghanistan. The president will seek to keep 9,800 US troops in Afghanistan after the war formally ends later this year and then will withdraw most of those forces by the end of 2016.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

Obama Charts End to Afghan War By 2016

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AP WH Correspondent
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama announced plans Tuesday for keeping nearly 10,000 U.S.

troops in Afghanistan after this year but then withdrawing virtually all by the close of 2016 and the conclusion of his presidency, charting an end to Ameri-

ca's longest war. The draw-down would allow Obama to bring America's military engagement in Afghanistan to an end while seeking to protect the gains

made in a war in which he significantly intensified U.S. involvement. "We have to recognize that Afghanistan will not be a perfect place, and it is not America's re-

sponsibility to make it one," Obama declared during an appearance in the White House Rose Garden.

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After long wait; Malaysian government releases jet data

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KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Close to three months after the Malaysian jetliner disappeared, the government on Tuesday released reams of raw satellite data it used to determine that the flight ended in the southern Indian Ocean, a step long demanded by the families of some of the passengers on board. But while the 45 pages of information may help satisfy a desire for more transparency in a much criticized investigation, experts

He and others said the needed assumptions, algorithms and metadata to validate the investigators' conclusion were not there. The release of the information came as the underwater hunt for the jet is poised to pause until later in the summer while new, powerful sonar equipment is obtained, a sign of just how difficult it will be to locate the jet and finally get some answers on how it went missing with 239 people on board.

Air traffic controllers lost contact with the Boeing 777 soon after it took off from Kuala Lumpur on

the plane and a communications satellite operated by Britain's Inmarsat company.

Investigators say they believe the plane was deliberately diverted from its flight path, but without finding the plane or its flight data recorders they have been unable to say with any certainty what happened on board.

Theories range from mechanical failure to hijacking or pilot murder-suicide. The families — many of whom have been highly critical of the Malaysian government and, in the



Ground crew stand near a Malaysia Airlines aircraft on the tarmac at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) in Sepang, Malaysia, Tuesday, May 27, 2014. The Malaysian government on Tuesday released 45 pages of raw satellite data it used to determine the flight path of the missing jetliner, information long sought after by some of the relatives of the 239 people on board the plane.

(AP Photo/Vincent Thian)

say it's unlikely to solve the mystery of Flight 370 — or give much comfort to relatives stuck between grieving and the faintest hope, no matter how unlikely, their loved ones might still be alive.

"It's a whole lot of stuff that is not very important to know," said Michael Exner, a satellite engineer who has been independently researching the calculations.

"There are probably two or three pages of important stuff, the rest is just noise. It doesn't add any value to our understanding."

March 8 on a night flight to Beijing over waters between Malaysia and Vietnam.

An international investigation team led by Malaysia has concluded that the jet flew south after it was last spotted on Malaysian military radar to the west of peninsular Malaysia and ended up in the southern Indian Ocean off western Australia.

The conclusion is based on complex calculations derived largely from brief hourly transmissions or "handshakes" between

absence of any wreckage, have been unwilling to accept that their loved ones were dead — had been asking for the raw satellite data for many weeks so it could be examined by independent experts. Malaysia initially balked at doing so, but then reconsidered. In a posting on its Facebook page, a group representing some of the families said: "Finally, after almost three months, the Inmarsat raw data is released to the public."

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AROUND THE CARIBBEAN

Boat accident kills US woman in Bahamas

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — Authorities in the Bahamas are investigating a boating accident that left a U.S. citizen dead, officials said Tuesday. The woman was killed when the boat she was riding in struck a reef known as Turtle Rock off South Bimini on Sunday night, according to the Royal Bahamas Police Force. Paloma de Mazieres, a 25-year-old from Key Biscayne, Florida, was ejected from the vessel. She was taken to Alice Town Clinic in Bimini, where she was pronounced dead. The circumstances of the accident are under investigation and an autopsy was planned for later this week. □

Puerto Rico bank, gov't. clash over \$230M

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Puerto Rico's government and one of the island's biggest banks are locked in a heated battle over \$230 million as both sides struggle to regain their financial footing in a wobbly economy. The dispute between the Treasury Department and Doral Financial Corp. escalated this month when the government announced it was nullifying a multimillion-dollar agreement with the bank. A former top U.S. economic official warned on Tuesday that such a move would further spook investors. □

Fugitive found in Dominican tourist town

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Interpol agents in the Dominican Republic have taken into custody a suspected German fugitive in a popular tourist town of the Caribbean country. A statement from Interpol says 24-year-old Dominik Roland Goepfner was detained in the northern beach town of Sosua. The German national is sought in his home country on various fraud charges. He was allegedly using five different identities and phony identification to evade authorities. Dominican authorities say the suspect had been living in Sosua for about a year. □

Puerto Rico woman sits in chair for wake

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — An 80-year-old Puerto Rican woman has been memorialized at her wake sitting in her favorite rocking chair and wearing her old wedding gown. At a San Juan funeral home, the body of Georgina Chervony Lloren was propped up in her red-cushioned rocking chair earlier this week, wearing the gown from her second marriage 32 years ago. She was surrounded by plants and flowers. Her daughter, Miriam Chervony, said her mother specified that this was how she imagined her wake. She died Sunday. The wake was held at Marin Funeral Home. □

Protest over university firing AIDS doctor

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Religious activists, students and colleagues gathered outside Jamaica's biggest university this week to protest the firing of an HIV expert who testified on behalf of church groups defending an anti-sodomy law. Dozens of protesters said the Jamaica campus of the University of the West Indies punished Dr. Brendan Bain for expressing his opinion as an expert witness in the Belize case. "This is a free speech issue and it's a truth issue," said Dr. Doreen Brady-West. Last week, the university announced it had fired Bain. □



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Obama charts end to Afghan war by 2016

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He credited American forces, which were first deployed by President George W. Bush within a month of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, with striking significant blows against al-Qaida's leadership, eliminating Osama bin Laden and preventing Afghanistan from being used as a base for strikes against the U.S. He said: "Now we're finishing the job we've started." The drawdown blueprint is contingent on Afghanistan's government signing a stalled bilateral security agreement. While current Afghan President Hamid Karzai has refused to sign the accord, U.S. officials say they're confident that

either of the candidates running to replace him will finalize the deal. In fact, both candidates who are on the ballot in next month's runoff — former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah and ex-Finance Minister Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai — welcomed Obama's announcement Tuesday. The size and scope of the residual U.S. force largely mirrors what Pentagon officials had sought, which appeared to give Obama cover with some Republicans, including House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner. But some of president's harshest critics on foreign policy — Sens. John McCain, Lindsey Graham and Kelly Ayotte — called the decision short-

sighted and warned that it would embolden enemies. "The president's decision to set an arbitrary date for the full withdrawal of U.S. troops in Afghanistan is a monumental mistake and a triumph of politics over strategy," the three Republicans said in a joint statement. U.S. forces had already been on track to stop combat operations in Afghanistan by the end of 2014, more than 13 years after the American-led invasion. But Obama wants to keep some troops there to train Afghan security forces, launch counterterrorism missions and protect progress made in a war that has left at least 2,181 Americans dead and thousands more wounded.



President Barack Obama enters the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, May 27, 2014, after speaking in the Rose Garden about the future of US troops in Afghanistan. The president will seek to keep 9,800 US troops in Afghanistan after the war formally ends later this year and then will withdraw most of those forces by the end of 2016.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

There are currently about 32,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan. Under Obama's plan, that number would be reduced to 9,800 by the start of 2015, dispatched throughout Afghanistan. Over the course of next year, the number would be cut in half and consolidated in the capital of Kabul and at Bagram Air Field, the main U.S. base in Afghanistan. Those remaining forces would largely be withdrawn by the end of 2016, with fewer than 1,000 remaining to staff a security office in Kabul. The American forces would probably be bolstered by a few thousand NATO troops. Noting the complexity of his drawdown plan, Obama said, "It's harder to end wars than to begin them." Officials said Obama was outlining his decisions before the conclusion of the Afghan elections and the signing of the security agreement because the military needed to begin making plans. If the secu-

rity accord is unexpectedly not signed, the drawdown will speed up and all U.S. troops will leave Afghanistan, said the administration officials, who briefed reporters after Obama's announcement on condition they not be identified by name. The formal end of the Afghan war has triggered a White House effort to reframe America's foreign policy after more than a decade of conflict. During a commencement address Wednesday at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Obama is expected to make the case for an approach to global problems that relies on international consensus. The U.S. tried to keep a residual force in Iraq as combat missions there came to an end, but Washington and Baghdad were unable to finalize a security agreement. In the vacuum left by the American military, Iraq has been battered by resurgent waves of violence. □

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Hacker who helped disrupt cyberattacks walks free

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NEW YORK - The New York man who helped the authorities infiltrate the shadowy world of computer hacking and disrupt at least 300 cyberattacks on targets that included the U.S. military, courts and private companies was given a greatly reduced sentence Tuesday of time served and was allowed to walk free.

Federal prosecutors had sought leniency for the hacker, Hector Xavier Monsegur, citing what they called his "extraordinary cooperation" in helping the FBI take down an aggressive group of hackers who were part of the collective Anonymous, of which he was a member, and its splinter groups, which had taken credit for attacking government and corporate websites.

Monsegur's information, the authorities said, led to the arrest of eight "major co-conspirators," including Jeremy Hammond, whom the FBI had called its top "cybercriminal target"

and who was sentenced to 10 years in prison in November.



Hector Xavier Monsegur, right, who helped the FBI take down an aggressive group of hackers who were part of the collective Anonymous, of which he was a member, exits federal court after a sentencing hearing, in New York, May 27, 2014.

(Anthony Lanzilote/The New York Times)

The judge, Loretta A. Preska of U.S. District Court, gave Monsegur time served; he had spent seven months in custody in 2012.

The advisory federal sentencing guidelines had called for a sentence of roughly 21 to 26 years, although prosecutors had asked that he receive a substantially lower sentence. □

Chinese man sentenced for smuggling rhinoceros horns

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Associated Press

NEWARK, New Jersey (AP)

— An antiques dealer from China has been sentenced to nearly six years in U.S. federal prison after admitting he was the mastermind of an international smuggling ring that specialized in rhinoceros horns and elephant ivory.

Speaking through an interpreter, Zhifei Li expressed remorse for his actions and asked to be reunited with his sick 4-year-old daughter in China before his sentencing Tuesday in U.S. District court in Newark.

The 30-year-old pleaded guilty in December to 11 counts, including conspiracy, smuggling, illegal wildlife trafficking and making fake documents.

The U.S. attorney's office says Li, operating through his business Overseas Treasure Finding, paid three antiques dealers in the United States to help him smuggle the items to China.

Prosecutors say the 30 smuggled rhino horns plus other objects made from the horns and from elephant ivory were worth about \$4.5 million.

The horns were allegedly shipped to Hong Kong and then mainland China wrapped in duct tape and hidden in porcelain vases. All species of the rhinoceros are protected under U.S. and international law,

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Median CEO pay rises above \$10 million in 2013

KEN SWEET

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — They're the \$10 million men and women. Propelled by a soaring stock market, the median pay package for a CEO rose above eight figures for the first time last year. The head of a typical large public company earned a record \$10.5 million, an increase of 8.8 percent from \$9.6 million in 2012, according to an Associated Press/Equilar pay study. Last year was the fourth straight that CEO compensation rose following a decline during the Great Recession. The median CEO pay package climbed more than 50 percent over that stretch. A chief executive now makes about 257 times the average worker's salary, up sharply from 181 times in 2009. The best paid CEO last year led an oilfield-services company. The highest paid female CEO was Carol Meyrowitz of discount retail giant TJX, owner of TJ Maxx and Marshall's. And the head of Monster Beverage got a monster of a raise.

Over the last several years, companies' boards of directors have tweaked executive compensation to answer critics' calls for CEO pay to be more attuned to performance. They've cut back on stock options and cash bonuses, which were criticized for rewarding executives even when a company did poorly. Boards of directors have placed more emphasis on paying CEOs in stock instead of cash and stock options. The change became a boon for CEOs last year because of a surge in stocks that drove the Standard & Poor's 500 index up 30 percent. The stock component of pay packages rose 17 percent to \$4.5 million. "Companies have been happy with their CEOs' performance and the stock market has provided a big boost," says Gary Hewitt, director of research at GMI Ratings, a corporate governance research firm. "But we are still dealing with a situation where CEO compensation has spun out of control and CEOs are being paid extraordinary levels for their

work."

The highest paid CEO was Anthony Petrello of oilfield-services company Nabors Industries, who made \$68.3 million in 2013. Petrello's pay ballooned as a result

strong leadership."

Media industry CEOs were, once again, paid handsomely. Viacom's Philippe Dauman made \$37.2 million while Walt Disney's Robert Iger made \$34.3

women who can run multi-billion-dollar businesses. "If you have a good CEO at a company, the wealth he might generate for shareholders could be in the billions," says Dan Mitchell, a



BlackRock Chairman and CEO Laurence Fink is interviewed on Fox in New York. The average pay of a Wall Street CEO went up by 22 percent in 2013, on top of the 22 percent increase the year before. Fink was the best paid with a pay package of \$22.9 million.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

of a \$60 million lump sum that the company paid him to buy out his old contract.

Nabors Industries did not respond to calls from The Associated Press seeking comment.

Petrello was one of a handful of chief executives who received a one-time boost in pay because boards of directors decided to renegotiate CEO contracts under pressure from shareholders. Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold CEO Richard Adkerson also received a one-time payment of \$36.7 million to renegotiate his contract. His total pay, \$55.3 million, made him the third-highest paid CEO last year.

The second-highest paid CEO among companies in the S&P 500 was Leslie Moonves of CBS. Moonves' total compensation rose 9 percent to \$65.6 million in 2013, a year when the company's stock rose nearly 70 percent.

"CBS's share appreciation was not only the highest among major media companies, it was near the top of the entire S&P 500," CBS said in a statement. "Mr. Moonves' compensation is reflective of his continued

million. Time Warner CEO Jeffrey Bewkes earned \$32.5 million.

The industry with the biggest pay bump was banking. The median pay of a Wall Street CEO rose by 22 percent last year, on top of a 22 percent increase the year before. BlackRock chief Larry Fink made the most, \$22.9 million. Kenneth Chenault of American Express ranked second with earnings of \$21.7 million. Like stock compensation, performance cash bonuses jumped last year as a result of the surging stock market and higher corporate profits. Earnings per share of the S&P 500 rose 5.3 percent in 2013, according to FactSet. That resulted in an average cash bonus of \$1.9 million, a jump of 12.9 percent from the prior year.

More than two-thirds of CEOs at S&P 500 companies received a raise last year, according to the AP/Equilar study, because of the bigger profits and higher stock prices.

CEO pay remains a divisive issue in the U.S. Large investors and boards of directors argue that they need to offer big pay packages to attract talented men and

senior fellow at the Cato Institute, a libertarian think tank. "It might be worth paying these guys millions for doing this type of work." CEOs are still getting much bigger raises than the average U.S. worker.

The 8.8 percent increase in total pay that CEOs got last year dwarfed the average raise U.S. workers received. The Bureau of Labor Statistics said average weekly wages for U.S. workers rose 1.3 percent in 2013. At that rate an employee would have to work 257 years to make what a typical S&P 500 CEO makes in a year.

"There's this unbalanced approach, where there's all this energy put into how to reward executives, but little energy being put into ensuring the rest of the workforce is engaged, productive and paid appropriately," says Richard Clayton, research director at Change to Win Investment Group, which works with labor union-affiliated pension funds. Investors have become increasingly vocal about executive pay since the recession. This has led to an increasing number of public spats between boards of directors. □

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US Financial Front:

American's consumer confidence moved up in May

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. consumers were slightly more confident in the economy in May than in April, partly because of strengthening optimism about future hiring and income gains.

The Conference Board said Tuesday that its confidence index rose to 83 from a revised 81.7 in April. That's the second-highest reading since January 2008, just after the Great Recession began. Only March was higher at 83.9. The increase is "enough to suggest decent, but not spectacular, gains in consumers' spending," said Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics, in a note to clients. Confidence has climbed steadily since it bottomed out at 25.3 in February 2009. It sits significantly above last year's average of 72.3. But it still isn't back to healthy levels. The figure regularly topped 90 before the recession.

A rising stock market helped boost confidence in May, economists said. Gains, however, were likely limited by higher gas prices pushing in the opposite direction.

Overall, Americans are much more bullish about the job market, the Conference Board's survey showed. That's a good sign that hiring may have been healthy this month. The government will report May's jobs figures on June 6.

The number of Americans who consider jobs easier to find rose to a six-year high. And 15.4 percent of consumers expect hiring to pick up in the next six months, up from 14.7 per-

cent in April.

The survey also showed that nearly one-fifth of Americans expect their incomes to grow over the next six months, the highest level since December 2007. More Americans said they planned to buy a car in the next six months, though the percentage saying they planned to buy a house fell to the lowest level in 15 months.

Consumer sentiment is a closely watched figure, as consumer spending accounts for 70 percent of

the nation's economic activity.

A recent burst of hiring likely has boosted confidence.

Employers added 288,000 jobs in April, the most in 2 ½ years. The national unemployment rate fell to 6.3 percent in April from 6.7 percent.

The job gains should provide much-needed support for the economy. More Americans earning paychecks means more spending to help boost growth. □



Jody Dickman, of Pittsburgh walks in the Shadyside section of Pittsburgh after shopping for a workout outfit at an Athleta store. The private Conference Board reported positive data on consumer confidence for May on Tuesday, May 27, 2014.

(AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar)

US home prices rise at slower rate in March

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. home prices rose in March, but the gains are decelerating as fewer Americans can afford to buy.

The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20-city home price index rose 12.4 percent in March compared with 12 months earlier. While healthy, that rate of growth has slowed from both February and January.

Home prices rose in 19 of the 20 cities in March compared with the previous month, with only New York registering a slight decline, Standard & Poor's reported Tuesday. Leading the gains was San Francisco with a 2.4 percent monthly increase, while prices in Seattle, another hub for technology firms, rose 1.9 percent.

The housing market has struggled in recent months, after notching strong growth in the first half of 2013.

Rising prices and higher interest rates beginning in the middle of last year made homes less affordable for would-be buyers.

Meanwhile, a limited supply of homes is available to buy. New construction has focused increasingly on rental apartments, instead of single-family homes. And 9.7 million Americans are stuck in homes worth less than their mortgage debts, making them reluctant to sell, according to the real estate data firm Zillow.

The price gains over the

and a limited supply of homes on the market.

"These influences are beginning to fade, and we're already seeing a monthly slowdown in home prices in more recent data," Humphries said.

Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics, said the monthly gains reported by the Case-Shiller index seem excessive.

after a harsh winter. Tampa showed the largest slowdown in annual price gains. Its growth rate went from 13.4 percent year-over-year in February to 10.7 percent in March. Las Vegas and San Francisco posted the strongest year-over-year growth.

Home sales and construction started recovering about two years ago from the Great Recession. But a sharp jump in mortgage rates last spring caused sales of existing homes to start falling in the summer. Average rates for fixed, 30-year mortgages last week are 4.2 percent, compared to 3.51 percent a year ago. The National Association of Realtors said Thursday that existing homes sold in April at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.65 million, a 6.8 percent decrease over the past 12 months.

The Case-Shiller index covers roughly half of U.S. homes. The index measures prices compared with those in January 2000 and creates a three-month moving average. The March figures are the latest available. □



This photo shows a home for sale in the Coconut Grove neighborhood of Miami. Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller reports on U.S. home prices in March and for the first quarter of the year on Tuesday, May 27, 2014.

(AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

past 12 months were the "result of a witch's brew," said Stan Humphries, chief economist at Zillow. It was made possible by the lows of the housing bust that began in 2007, the historically low mortgage rates

"Every indicator of housing market activity and prices we know is slowing or falling outright," Shepherdson said. The index is not adjusted for seasonal variations, so the gains can reflect the warmer weather



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First Lady defends school-lunch rules

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WASHINGTON - Michelle Obama turned uncharacteristically political Tuesday, pushing back against a measure pending in the Republican-controlled House that would let some schools opt out of federal dietary standards for school lunches.

The standards, approved by Congress and the president in 2010, set limits on

In response, Obama met with a half-dozen school officials Tuesday from California, Georgia, Maryland, New York, Tennessee and Virginia who attested to the success of the new standards in their school systems. The standards have been introduced gradually during the past two years. "The last thing we can afford to do right now is play politics with our kids' health," Obama said at the

time."

Kass said the administration was working with food suppliers to help fix the problem. But he cited academic studies showing that, overall, children were eating healthier foods because of the standards.

"Let's remember that before this, there were no standards," he said. "Schools could serve candy bars and sugary drinks as meals."



Michelle Obama meets with school nutrition experts at the White House in Washington, May 27, 2014. The first lady pushed back against a measure pending in the Republican-controlled House that would let some schools opt out of federal dietary standards for school lunches that set limits on sodium, fat and calories. "The last thing we can afford to do right now is play politics with our kids' health," she said.

(Doug Mills/The New York Times)

sodium, fat and calories, and require that unhealthy menu items be replaced with fruits, vegetables and whole grains.

Some big food companies and Republican lawmakers have criticized the rules, calling them inflexible, ineffective and expensive. Rep. Robert B. Aderholt, R-Ala., has attached language to a spending bill that would waive the requirements for financially ailing school districts.

meeting, adding that "rolling things back is not the answer."

Sam Kass, the director of Obama's "Let's Move" campaign to reduce childhood obesity, acknowledged "legitimate challenges" for some districts in carrying out the standards. And last week, the U.S. Agriculture Department said that some districts could delay serving whole-grain pastas because "the product didn't hold up well over

The School Nutrition Association, which represents cafeteria administrators, issued a statement Tuesday calling the rules "overly prescriptive" and citing Agriculture Department data that showed a drop in school-lunch participation since the standards were adopted. It said the organization was "disappointed that the first lady is only going to speak with a handful of preselected school nutrition directors today." □



Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton waves to an audience in Washington. Clinton writes in her new book that she wishes she could have made different, unspecified decisions as President Barack Obama's secretary of state but remains proud of her accomplishments as America's top diplomat, according to excerpts released Tuesday.

(AP Photo/Cliff Owen)

Hillary Clinton 'proud' of her diplomatic accomplishments

KEN THOMAS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton writes in her new book that she wishes she could have made different, unspecified decisions as President Barack Obama's secretary of state but remains proud of her accomplishments as America's top diplomat, according to excerpts released Tuesday.

The potential 2016 Democratic presidential candidate writes in an author's note from her upcoming book, "Hard Choices," that her time at the State Department taught her about the nation's "exceptional strengths and what it will take for us to compete and thrive at home and abroad."

"As is usually the case with the benefit of hindsight, I wish we could go back and revisit certain choices. But I'm proud of what we accomplished," Clinton writes. "This century began traumatically for our country, with the terrorist attacks on 9/11, the long wars that followed, and the Great

Recession. We needed to do better, and I believe we did."

Clinton's memoir will be released June 10 by publisher Simon & Schuster and has generated a debate on her record at Foggy Bottom. Clinton is expected to announce whether she will seek the White House by late 2014 — potentially becoming the first female president — and the book arrives as Republicans have questioned her handling of the 2012 terrorist attack in Benghazi, Libya, that killed four Americans, and other decisions on her watch.

In the excerpts, the former first lady and New York senator says she didn't write the book for followers of "Washington's long-running soap opera," but Americans and people everywhere who are trying to make sense of a rapidly changing world.

Clinton says, "One thing that has never been a hard choice for me is serving our country. It has been the greatest honor of my life." □



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This image shows activists boarding a rig contracted by Russia's Gazprom in the port of IJmuiden, Netherlands, on Tuesday, May 27, 2014. Greenpeace said 30 activists in the Dutch port of IJmuiden on Tuesday boarded a rig contracted by Russia's Gazprom to drill in the Pechora Sea. Greenpeace said they were removed after five hours.

(AP Photo/Bas Beentjes, Greenpeace)

Greenpeace boards 2 oil drill rigs in Arctic protest

MARK LEWIS
Associated Press
STAVANGER, Norway (AP)

— Greenpeace activists boarded a drilling rig hundreds of miles offshore Norway and another in the Netherlands in a protest Tuesday against oil and gas exploration in Arctic waters.

Juha Aromaa, a spokesman for the environmental group, said 15 activists boarded a rig operated by Norwegian energy company Statoil about 109 miles (175 kilometers) off the Bear Island nature reserve early Tuesday without encountering any resistance from the onboard

crew. Statoil was given the green light to drill in the northern part of the Barents Sea late Monday by Norway's government. The rig had been on a government-ordered hiatus after Greenpeace complained that a spill in the Arctic could have disastrous environmental consequences. Norwegian police were not planning to intervene because the rig had not started drilling and was therefore under the jurisdiction of the flag state, the Marshall Islands, said Ole Saeverud, police chief in the northern city of Tromsø. □

Ukraine:

Dozens of separatists killed in army attack

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DONETSK, Ukraine - Separatists reported suffering heavy losses in an offensive

wounded. Other counts by rebels put the death toll as high as 100. "Our losses are serious," said Alexander Borodai, the prime minister of the self-declared

Seleznirov, said the military was now fully in control of the airport and its territory. He said one Ukrainian soldier had been lightly wounded in the fighting



Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov attends a meeting with his Turkish counterpart Ahmet Davutoglu at the Foreign Ministry in Moscow, Russia, Tuesday, May 27, 2014. Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov urged an end to fighting in eastern Ukraine, where government forces fought insurgents Monday over Ukraine's second-largest airport in Donetsk, using jets and helicopter gunships. Dozens were reported killed.

(AP Photo/Pavel Golovkin)

by the Ukrainian military to retake a strategic provincial airport in Donetsk, their leaders said Tuesday, while a team of European security monitors lost contact with their headquarters, raising fears of kidnapping. Some of the accounts of rebel losses were conflicting, in part because the fighting continued into Tuesday morning and it was difficult to retrieve the dead. Schools were closed and city authorities warned residents not to leave their homes. The clearest count came from Donetsk's mayor, Oleksandr Lukyanchenko, who said that about 50 people had been killed, including two civilians, and that 43 others had been

Donetsk People's Republic. "But our opponents' losses are not less, and maybe even more." The Ukrainian military conducted a major operation Monday to take back the airport here, which militants had seized just a few hours before. It was the first aggressive move against the fighters in weeks of what had been seen as relatively ineffective military maneuvers and came just one day after a national election in which a Ukrainian billionaire, Petro O. Poroshenko, won in a landslide. Poroshenko has pledged to take on the separatists, whom he has compared to Somali pirates. A Ukrainian military spokesman in Kiev, Vladyslav

but gave no details of other casualties. He said about 200 rebels had been concentrated in a new terminal of the airport, and that they had been "annihilated and scattered" during the attack, after the military issued them an ultimatum they ignored. The monitoring team from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe was on a routine mission east of Donetsk when it disappeared around 6 p.m. Monday, Reuters reported. "We have been unable to re-establish communication until now," the group said in a statement, according to Reuters. "We are continuing with our efforts and utilizing our contacts on the ground. □



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Vietnam accuses China of sinking fishing boat

CHRIS BRUMMITT
Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Vietnam and China traded accusations Tuesday over who was the aggressor in a clash that led to the sinking of a Vietnamese fishing boat in the South China Sea, sharpening tensions already dangerously high after China moved an oil rig into the disputed waters. Hanoi accused a Chinese vessel of ramming the wooden Vietnamese boat Monday then fleeing the scene. Beijing said the Vietnamese boat was trying to get close to the oil rig, rammed into one of its vessels, and then sank. The crew was rescued.

The clash occurred around 30 kilometers (18 miles) south-southwest of the large oil rig that China deployed on May 1 in waters both nations claim. The rig deployment infuriated Hanoi and set off violent anti-China protests that further soured ties between the neighboring communist countries with close economic relations. Vietnam sent patrol ships to confront the rig, and China has deployed scores of vessels to protect it. The two sides have been involved in a tense standoff, occasionally colliding with each other.

China and Vietnam have long sparred over who owns what in the oil- and gas-rich waters. Incidents between fishing crews are quite common, but Monday's incident was the first time a Vietnamese boat had been sunk, said Tran Van Linh, president of the Fisheries Association in the central port city of Danang.

"I call this an act of at-

tempted murder because the Chinese sank a Vietnamese fishing boat and then ran away," Linh said. "We vehemently protest this perverse, brutal and inhumane action by Chinese side."

Linh said about 40 Chinese steel vessels surrounded a group of smaller, wooden Vietnamese fishing ships on Monday afternoon. He said one then rammed into the Vietnamese ship, tossing 10 fishermen into the water and sinking the boat. The fishermen were picked by the other Vietnamese boats and there were no injuries.

In Beijing, the government said that a Vietnamese fishing boat had forced its way into the area around the oil rig and rammed into a Chinese fishing boat. "I think the fact that this incident happened at all shows that Vietnam's illegitimate and illegal harassment and sabotage against China's regular operations are futile and will only hurt their own interests," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang. Since May 1, Vietnam has accused China of ramming into or firing water cannons at Vietnamese vessels trying to get close to the rig, damaging several boats and injuring fisheries surveillance officers. They have shown video footage of some of the incidents. China accuses Vietnam of doing the same.

China claims nearly all of the South China Sea as its own, bringing it into conflict with far smaller neighbors like Vietnam and the Philippines. In recent years it has been more assertive in pressing its claims in the waters and resisting attempts to negotiate. □



France's President Francois Hollande addresses the media after an EU summit at the European Council building in Brussels, Tuesday May 27, 2014. British Prime Minister David Cameron's recurring complaint that the European Union is "too big, too bossy, too interfering" gained traction at an EU summit on Tuesday, after a massive increase in protest votes during recent European Union elections.

(AP Photo/Geert Vanden Wijngaert)

EU seeks way out of election quagmire

RAF CASERT
Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — British Prime Minister David Cameron's recurring complaint that the European Union is "too big, too bossy, too interfering" gained traction at an EU summit on Tuesday, after election results that underscored voter apathy and hostility forced government leaders across the bloc to consider profound change.

Protest voters turned out in droves while over half the 28-nation bloc's electorate failed to muster enough interest to go to their polling stations for European Parliament elections — giving a massive thumbs-down to how the EU functions. The anti-EU UK Independence Party topped the polls in Britain, and in France the extreme-right National Front overwhelmed all its rivals.

On Tuesday, Cameron said that "Europe should concentrate on what matters — growth and jobs — and

not try to do so much."

The British leader had often seemed an outsider at EU summits where leaders have long sought ever closer unions. But this time, his EU peers were listening attentively, and he found his call for economic growth and job creation echoed by French President Francois Hollande.

"I am European and I want Europe to change," Hollande said. Cameron also got support for his stance that Brussels needed to return many powers to its 28 member nations as soon as possible. "The answer to the vote is less rules and less meddling from Europe," Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte said.

Perhaps the tipping point turning the electorate against the EU came last year, when it was unable to address record unemployment crippling some member nations hit by the financial crisis while at the same time trying to ban refillable olive oil jugs from

restaurant tables. The olive oil measure was quickly pulled back, yet it became emblematic to many for how the EU meddles in minor issues while losing sight of the big picture.

Cameron has promised his country a referendum on EU membership in 2017, raising the prospect of one of the biggest European nations leaving the EU.

"For Sweden and for the EU, it is of the utmost importance that Britain stays inside the EU and that we also take into account the situation we have in Britain when we formulate a new mandate," said Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt. Analysts also saw a tilt toward Britain's views.

"Now Francois Hollande talking about limiting EU actions, more and more people beginning to sound like Cameron, this will strengthen his position seeking reforms," said Anand Menon, professor of European Politics at King's College London. □

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Korean woman arrested in Paris on ferry sinking

JAMEY KEATEN
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — French police said Tuesday they arrested the daughter of a South Korean tycoon believed to be the owner of a ferry that sank last month in a disaster that left more than 300 people dead or missing. Yoo Somena was detained early Tuesday at her home near the Champs-Élysées in Paris, said officials familiar with the matter on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the matter. French police were acting on an international arrest warrant issued May 8 by South Korean officials on suspicion that she was involved in embezzlement from 2004 to 2013, the officials said. Yoo, 47, is the daughter of Yoo Byung-eun, a mysterious billionaire whom South Korean authorities believe to be the owner of the Sewol ferry that sank April 16. Nearly six weeks after the disaster, 288 bodies have been recovered and 16 people are missing. French authorities were expected to decide Wednesday whether she should be released under judicial watch or locked up. Police handed Yoo over to judicial authorities, and she was being held overnight before appearing before a judge Wednesday, an official said. Her French lawyer, Patrick Maisonneuve, did not immediately return several calls by The Associated Press to his office seeking comment. South Korean authorities have issued a reward of half a million dollars for tips leading to Yoo Byung-eun, who faces allegations of tax evasion, embezzlement and professional negligence. □

India:

New PM Modi meets with leader of rival Pakistan

MUNEEZA NAQVI
Associated Press

NEW DELHI (AP) — New Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with the leader of rival Pakistan on Tuesday and asked that his country "abide by its commitment" to prevent its territory from being used in terrorism against India and speed up investigations into the 2008 attack in Mumbai. Modi met with Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and the leaders of Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Afghanistan, Mauritius, Bangladesh and Maldives, a day after they attended his inauguration. But all eyes were watching the meeting between Modi and Sharif for signs of a thaw in the relations between the often-hostile, nuclear-armed neighbors. "The prime minister underlined our concerns related to terror. It was conveyed that Pakistan must abide by its commitment to prevent its territory and territory under its control from being used in terrorism against India," Indian Foreign Secretary Sujatha Singh told reporters. Sharif told reporters that the meeting should be "a historic opportunity for both our countries." Sharif said both leaders were elected with popular mandates and could succeed in "turning a new page" in their countries' often-hostile relations. He said both shared the goal of economic development, which could not be achieved without peace and stability in the region. "I urged that we had to strive to change confrontation into cooperation. Engaging in accusations and counter-accusations would be counter-productive, I emphasized," Sharif said, adding that "my gov-

ernment, therefore, stands ready to discuss all issues between our two countries, in a spirit of cooperation and sincerity."

Modi also asked that Pakistan hasten its investigation into the 2008 attack on Mumbai, India's financial hub, in which Pakistani militants killed 166 people, and put the perpetrators on tri-

countries fought two of their three wars since independence in 1947 over the Himalayan region.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said the United States welcomed the Modi-Sharif meeting and "any and all steps India and Pakistan take to strengthen and deepen their dialogue

blamed for the Mumbai attack. On Tuesday, a man who identified himself as a Lashkar-e-Taiba spokesman named Abdullah Ghaznavi denied that the group was responsible for the consulate attack.

"We have nothing to do with any attack in Afghanistan," he told The Associated Press.



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, right, poses for the media with his Pakistani counterpart Nawaz Sharif before the start of their meeting in New Delhi, India, Tuesday, May 27, 2014. Analysts say Sharif's visit could signal an easing of tensions between the often-hostile, nuclear-armed neighbors.

(AP Photo /Manish Swarup)

al, Singh said. The two countries' foreign secretaries will stay in touch and "explore how to move the relationship forward," Singh added. The two leaders also discussed increasing trade between their nations. The countries have pushed bilateral trade and increased people-to-people contacts even as the thorny issues of terrorism and the status of the disputed Kashmir region remain unresolved. Kashmir is divided between India and Pakistan and claimed by both. The two

and cooperation." On Monday, Afghan President Hamid Karzai told an Indian television channel that the Pakistan-based militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba was behind last Friday's attack on an Indian consulate in western Afghanistan. Gunmen armed with machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades attacked the building in Herat, but the diplomatic staff escaped unharmed. Karzai said he received the information from "a Western intelligence agency." Lashkar-e-Taiba was also

Modi and his Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party won a solid majority in the 543-member lower house of Parliament, enabling him to set priorities without being constrained by coalition partners. Modi has picked 45 Cabinet ministers, who were sworn in alongside him. Former BJP President Rajnath Singh was named home minister, former opposition leader Sushma Swaraj is the new foreign minister, and BJP spokesman Arun Jaitley will head the ministries of finance and defense. □

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Colombian rebels at talks mum on election

ANDREA RODRIGUEZ
Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Colombian rebels at peace talks in Havana said Tuesday they will wait for a second round of presidential voting back home before weighing how the outcome of the hotly contested election may affect the negotiations.

Speaking to reporters in the Cuban capital, Ivan Marquez, a top leader of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, declined to respond to threats by the top vote-getter, Oscar Ivan Zuluaga, that he would end talks unless the FARC declares a permanent cease-fire.

"He should wait until the second round takes place," said Marquez, who was born Luciano Marin Arango. "We have the impression that he is putting the cart before the horse, so there is no sense in responding to this gentleman from Havana."

The first round of voting took place Sunday in Colombia.

Zuluaga, who on Monday referred to the FARC as "criminals," is headed to a June 15 runoff with the second-place finisher and incumbent President Juan

mander, Rodrigo Londono alias Timochenko, said in a defiant video shot in an undisclosed jungle location and released on the Internet that the rebels have

mention the election or Zuluaga's comments, however.

In Cuba, Marquez was more measured, saying the most important thing is



Ivan Marquez, chief negotiator for the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), speaks to the press on the sidelines of negotiations with Colombia's government in Havana, Cuba, Tuesday, May 27, 2014. Colombian rebels said Tuesday they will wait for a second round of presidential voting back home before weighing how the outcome of the hotly contested election may affect the negotiations. (AP Photo/Franklin Reyes)

Manuel Santos, under whose administration the peace talks began in late 2012.

The FARC's military com-

not been defeated militarily and will not accept a "humiliating surrender" at the Havana talks.

He did not specifically

for peace to be a policy of the Colombian state, so it's best not to issue an opinion on the electoral process until it is concluded. □

Arrest warrant issued for former Ecuador leader

G. SOLANO
Associated Press

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — Ecuadorian authorities announced on Tuesday that an arrest warrant has been issued for former President Jamil Mahuad for allegedly misappropriating public funds during the country's late 1990s banking crisis.

Interior Minister Jose Serrano said via Twitter that the international police agency Interpol had issued a so-called red notice about the warrant based on "the meticulous work we have been doing on the information that led to this action."

Serrano did not offer any details about Mahuad's alleged crime, or say when the warrant was issued. Mahuad has been on trial, in absentia, for more than 13 years in Ecuador.

In December 2012, Ecuador asked Interpol to issue a red notice on Mahuad but the agency denied the request. The presiding judges in the case have decided to halt the trial without Mahuad.

Mahuad, 64, was president in 1998-2000 and fled Ecuador during a coup, settling in the United States, where he has taught classes at Harvard University.

A telephone message left at a Massachusetts phone number registered in Mahuad's name was not returned.

During a severe 1999 financial crisis Mahuad declared a bank holiday, freezing accounts and replacing Ecuador's sucre with the U.S. dollar. □

Jailed Venezuela police chief starts hunger strike

FABIOLA SANCHEZ
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — A former police chief whose decade-long imprisonment has been taken up as a cause by Venezuela's opposition said in a letter made public Tuesday that he is going on a hunger strike to demand his release.

Ivan Simonovis is serving a 30-year sentence for aggravated murder related to his role in the death of pro-government protesters who rushed to the defense

of then-President Hugo Chavez in a failed 2002 coup.

The 53-year-old Simonovis said in a letter released by lawyers that he is tired of waiting for Venezuela's justice system. He said that against the wishes of his family and despite his ill health, he will refuse to eat until he receives an answer to his lawyers' petition for a conditional release based on humanitarian grounds.

"Every day in this military prison has turned into an anxious roller coaster ride

because I don't know if tonight, or early in the morning, as happened before, I'll end up in the emergency room," Simonovis wrote. Simonovis, a former public safety director for greater Caracas, was hospitalized in January for stomach pains. His lawyers say he suffers from 19 different illnesses, including advanced osteoporosis.

Venezuela's opposition considers Simonovis a political prisoner and has been demanding his release as part of negotiations with

the government that began in April to ease tensions after three months of anti-government protests. As part of those talks, President Nicolas Maduro's government formed a medical commission to evaluate the inmate's health. But nothing has happened since, Simonovis' lawyer told The Associated Press, and Maduro has several times rejected out of hand an amnesty for the former police officer, accusing him of committing crimes against humanity. □



Mike and Carolyn Overboard in Love on the Jolly Pirates!

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incredible connection, our amazing friends and every detail of our special day was celebrated at the Playa Linda Beach Resort, of course, explains the

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to fall simultaneously on the same weeks at the charming Playa Linda Resort nestled smack in the heart of the stretch along the Palm Beach.

But it wasn't until 2005 that the Basiruti Beach Bar would become the romantic spot where the couple first locked eyes one sunny afternoon. And although the timing was not quite right, it was inevitable that the chatty New Englander,

Mike and this adorable girl from Long Island, Carolyn would soon forge an ever-lasting friendship that would only strengthen over the years. It is Mike who affectionately recounts their sweetheart tale of "Mike and Carolyn", their chance meeting, and the proposal and the climatic wedding. "It wasn't long before we realized that we were falling in love and so our lives began to grow to-

gether and over the years we fell MADLY in love. We knew that we had to spend all of the rest of our lives together! " Friends flew in from near and far to celebrate the adorable couple and their amazing union with an unforgettable destination wedding held in Aruba, where the couple first fell head over heels in love. Guests report that every moment from start to finish was lovely. "Our



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petitions take place. While it looks simple, it is really an art that requires precision and dedication, says General Manager Joe Najjar, whose kite while small, displayed a great aerodynamic promise. In the famous Mary Poppins movie, Banker George Banks explains it best: With tuppence for paper and strings, you can have your own set of wings. With your feet on the ground, you're a bird in flight! With your fist holding tight, to the string of your kite! Let's go fly a kite up to the highest height, let's go fly a kite, and send it soaring, up through the atmosphere, up where the air is clear, Oh, let's go fly a kite!



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Colombia's Nairo Quintana crosses the finish line to win the 16th stage of the Giro d'Italia cycling race from Ponte di Legno to Val Martello, Italy, Tuesday, May 27, 2014. Nairo Quintana moved into the overall lead in the Giro d'Italia after winning a tough and controversial stage, in difficult weather conditions across the legendary Gavia and Stelvio climbs. Associated Press

Quintana takes lead with win on brutal 16th stage

VAL MARTELLO, Italy (AP) — Nairo Quintana moved into the overall lead in the Giro d'Italia after winning a tough and controversial 16th stage, in difficult weather conditions across the legendary Gavia and Stelvio climbs on Tuesday. Quintana, who is famed for his climbing skills, finished eight seconds ahead of Ryder Hesjedal. Pierre Rolland was third, 1:13 slower, on the 139-kilometer (86-mile) route from Ponte di Legno to Val Martello — half of which was uphill. The 24-year-old Quintana — one of the race favorites — started the day 2 minutes and 40 seconds behind former leader Rigoberto Uran but beat his fellow Colombian by more than four minutes. Uran slipped to second, 1:41 behind Quintana, who showed he has recovered from a difficult opening two weeks, in which he suffered badly from a crash and also had to take antibiotics to fight a chest cold and fever.

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BEAT CAROLINE

French Open over for Wozniacki

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Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki returns the ball to Belgium's Yanina Wickmayer during the first round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France, Tuesday, May 27, 2014. Associated Press



Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz (34) watches as he hits a deep sacrifice fly to bring in the go ahead run during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Atlanta Braves on Monday, May 26, 2014, in Atlanta, Ga.

Associated Press

The Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — David Ortiz homered and drove in four runs as the Boston Red Sox ended their 10-

game losing streak, rallying from a five-run deficit to defeat the Atlanta Braves 8-6 Monday. The defending World Series

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Ortiz, Red Sox end 10-game skid, rally past Braves

champions trailed 6-1 after the fourth inning of the interleague matchup, with starter Clay Buchholz walking a career-high eight in only three-plus innings.

But Ortiz tied it by hitting a three-run homer off Ervin Santana in the fifth. With Red Sox fans at Turner Field chanting "Papi! Papi!" the World Series MVP then gave Boston the lead with a bases-loaded sacrifice fly off Ian Thomas (1-2) in the seventh.

Following pregame declarations of confidence from manager John Farrell and general manager Ben Cherington, the Red Sox came back to end their worst skid since an 11-game slide in 1994.

YANKEES 6, CARDINALS 4, 12 INNINGS

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Brian

Roberts hit a tiebreaking single in a three-run 12th inning after Brett Gardner's leaping catch at the left-field fence kept New York alive in the 11th.

Pinch-hitter Alfonso Soriano and Brendan Ryan each added an RBI for the Yankees, who took the opener of a three-game interleague series for their third straight win. Alfredo Aceves (1-2) worked two scoreless innings and David Robertson earned his 11th save in 12 chances.

Jon Jay had an RBI double in the 12th for the Cardinals, who lost for the third time in 12 games.

A standing-room crowd of 47,311, the third-largest at 9-year-old Busch Stadium, showed up to see an opponent making only its second appearance in St. Louis since losing to the Cardinals in the 1964 World Series.

Cardinals pitchers retired 20 of 21 batters before the 12th, when Randy Choate (0-2) faced five batters and four reached safely.

CUBS 8, GIANTS 4

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Jeff Samardzija struck out a season-high 10 for his first win since last August, snapping a 16-start winless streak for Chicago.

Samardzija (1-4) allowed six hits and walked none in seven-plus innings. He also had an RBI double during a three-run fourth.

The right-hander entered with six no-decisions in his first 10 outings this year despite leading the majors with a 1.46 ERA.

Nate Schierholtz hit his first home run of the season, and Darwin Barney drove in two runs to help the Cubs come back from a 3-1 deficit.

Pablo Sandoval homered and drove in three runs for the Giants, who had won four in a row.

Yusmeiro Petit (3-2) gave up four runs and six hits in five innings while filling in for injured starter Matt Cain.

PIRATES 5, METS 3

NEW YORK (AP) — Gaby Sanchez tagged the Mets again, hitting a tiebreaking single in the ninth inning and a pinch-hit homer in the eighth that sparked Pittsburgh's come-from-behind victory.

The Mets announced after the game that they had fired hitting coach Dave Hudgens.

Sanchez upped his average against the Mets to .324 and has 34 RBIs against New York, his best totals against any NL team. He homered off Scott Rice while hitting for Ike Davis, who was making his return to Citi Field after being traded to the Pirates in mid-April.

Valverde (1-1) was booed off the field after allowing pinch-hitter Jose Tabata's tying single in the eighth. Valverde returned for the ninth and was even worse. Tony Watson (5-0) pitched an inning for the win. Mark Melancon got his 10th save.

MARLINS 3, NATIONALS 2

WASHINGTON (AP) — Giancarlo Stanton hit his NL-leading 15th home run and also doubled and singled in his latest power performance for Miami at Nationals Park.

Stanton doubled and scored in the first inning, then launched a long two-run homer in the third.

Stanton is hitting .333 (43 for 129) with 14 home runs and 27 RBIs in Washington since his career began in 2010. He has homered at Nationals Park more than any other visiting player during that time.

The Marlins improved to 7-17 on the road; they're 20-8 at home.

Nathan Eovaldi (4-2) pitched 6 1-3 innings, giving up two runs and three hits. Steve Cishek worked the ninth for his 11th save.

Adam LaRoche homered for the Nationals, who had won 12 of their last 13 against Miami at home. Tanner Roark (3-3) went seven innings. □

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Encarnacion homers; Blue Jays' win streak reaches 7

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TORONTO (AP) — Edwin Encarnacion hit his 13th home run in May and Dioner Navarro and Steve Tolleson added back-to-back shots as the Toronto Blue Jays won their seventh straight game Monday, beating the Tampa Bay Rays 10-5. Melky Cabrera had three hits and three RBIs as the AL East-leading Blue Jays won for the 12th time in 14 games.

Toronto has hit at least one home run in nine straight games and leads the majors with 73 this season, including an ML-best 41 in May.

David DeJesus, Desmond Jennings and James Loney all hit solo homers for the Rays, whose season-high four-game winning streak was snapped.

Drew Hutchison wasn't at his best, but benefited from strong run support to win his career-best third straight start.

Hutchison (4-3) allowed five runs and seven hits in five innings, matched a season-worst with four walks and struck out none.

ATHLETICS 10, TIGERS 0 OAKLAND, California (AP) — Kyle Blanks homered in his home debut at the Coliseum and Derek Norris capped Oakland's five-homer day with a grand slam as the Athletics ended a four-game losing streak with a win over Detroit.

Yoenis Cespedes, Brandon Moss and Josh Donaldson also homered.

Tommy Milone (3-3) allowed four hits in 6 2-3 scoreless innings. He is 3-0 with a 1.03 ERA in his past four starts.

The A's got four solo homers against Drew Smyly (2-3) to win the first meeting of the season against the team that eliminated them in Game 5 of the division series the past two postseasons.

ASTROS 9, ROYALS 2 KANSAS CITY (AP) — George Springer homered in his fourth straight game and went 4 for 4 with three RBIs and scored five runs in Houston's victory over Kansas City.

The Astros have won three straight, matching their longest winning streak this season, and snapped a six-game losing streak to the Royals.

Springer led off the eighth with a home run off Louis Coleman, his fifth homer in four games.

He is the first Houston rookie to homer in four straight games. Lance Berkman was the last Astro to homer in four straight games, July 4-8, 2010.

Springer also had two doubles and became the first Astro to score five runs in a game since Cody Ransom on Sept. 24, 2007, against St. Louis. Springer extended his hitting streak to eight games, and is 8 for 16 with 11 RBIs and 10 runs in the past five games.

Scott Feldman (3-2) held the Royals to two runs and eight hits over six innings. Royals rookie starter Yordano Ventura was led off the field by a trainer in the third inning after experiencing discomfort in his elbow. The hard-throwing right-hander is scheduled for a MRI on Tuesday.

Ventura (2-5) went 2 2-3 innings, allowing five runs and seven hits and three walks.

MARINERS 5, ANGELS 1 SEATTLE (AP) — Chris Young pitched shutout ball until Albert Pujols homered in the seventh inning, Robinson Cano had three hits and two RBIs to raise his average to .332, and the Seattle Mariners beat the Los Angeles Angels.

Young (4-2) kept the Angels hitless until Kole Calhoun singled with one out in the sixth. An inning later, Pujols hit his 506th career home run, pulling within three of Gary Sheffield for 24th on baseball's all-time homer list.

The Mariners scored five times in the first two innings off Tyler Skaggs (4-2). Three of the runs were unearned runs.

WHITE SOX 6, INDIANS 2 CHICAGO (AP) — Conor Gillaspie hit three doubles while going 4 for 4 and Dayan Viciedo had a three-run homer as the Chicago



Toronto Blue Jays Jose Reyes, left, slides safe at home plate past Tampa Bay Rays catcher Ryan Hanigan, right, during the first inning of a baseball game in Toronto on Monday, May 26, 2014.

Associated Press

White Sox beat Cleveland. Gillaspie scored twice and drove in a run. He became the first White Sox player with three doubles in a

game since Paul Konerko on May 26, 2012, against the Indians.

Viciedo connected in the third inning against Josh

Tomlin (3-2).

Jose Quintana (3-4) pitched six effective innings. Scott Downs got four outs for his first save. □

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Miami Heat center Chris Bosh (1) gestures during the first half of Game 4 in the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals play-off series against the Indiana Pacers, Monday, May 26, 2014, in Miami.
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Heat take command of East finals with 102-90 win

TIM REYNOLDS

AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Chris Bosh got them started and LeBron James took over in the second half. In the end, the Miami Heat moved one win from yet another Eastern Conference title. James had 32 points and 10 rebounds and Bosh added 25 points — nearly matching his output from the first three games of the series combined — as the Heat grabbed control of the East finals by topping the Indiana Pacers 102-90 in Game 4 for a 3-1 lead. Dwyane Wade added 15 points and Miami never trailed, leading by 23 at

one point.

"We try to get better every single day, every single game," James said. "When you do that and go out and play the type of game that you are capable of playing, you can be satisfied with the results. And that's what we've built over the years." Only the Celtics and Lakers franchises have been to the NBA Finals in four straight seasons. The Heat now have three chances to join that club, starting with Game 5 at Indiana on Wednesday night.

"We got outplayed by the Heat," Pacers coach Frank Vogel said. "I wasn't disappointed in our fight. I was disappointed in the result." Paul George scored 23 points and David West added 20 points and 12 rebounds for the Pacers, who got 15 points from George Hill. But Lance Stephenson — who made news in the days between Games 3 and 4 by suggesting he was in James' head — was held to nine and 7-foot-2 center Roy Hibbert was scoreless in 22 minutes for Indiana.

Miami has won the last three games in the series, and going back to the point in Game 3 when the Heat trailed by 15, they have outscored the Pacers by 39 points in a span of about 6½ quarters. The Pacers won two elimi-

nation games in the first round against Atlanta, and need to win three more if their yearlong plan of topping Miami is going to become reality.

The odds are obviously stacked against them. When holding a 3-1 lead, Miami is 8-0 in Game 5s over the past four postseasons.

"We have a chance to play an NBA game on our home floor," West said. "We are going to try to do something that's very tough."

Miami outscored Indiana 31-20 in the third quarter and kept pulling away before the Pacers used a 15-3 run to make things more interesting.

Stephenson had a layup with 3:20 left that would have gotten Indiana within nine — but it was waved off after he was called for fouling Wade on his way to the basket.

Stephenson scored with 1:31 left to make it 99-90, but James snuffed out any comeback hopes right there with a three-point play.

It was the 74th playoff game where James had at least 25 points, five rebounds and five assists, passing Michael Jordan for the most in NBA history.

In the other conference final series, San Antonio takes a 2-1 lead to Oklahoma City on Tuesday. □

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Australian Open champ Li 1st-round loser at French

HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

PARIS (AP) — Much to her dismay, Li Na is familiar with this feeling.

She earns a Grand Slam championship, is heralded at home, then shows up at subsequent major tournaments and seemingly forgets how to win.

Happened in 2011, after her French Open triumph made her China's first player with a Grand Slam singles title. Happened again Tuesday, when Li was seeded second at Roland Garros but lost to someone ranked 103rd in the first round, not quite four months removed from winning the Australian Open.

"I didn't follow the game plan," Li said. "Didn't have any idea how to play."

Her 7-5, 3-6, 6-1 exit against Kristina Mladenovic of France in front a partisan crowd on a cloudy, windy Day 3 came about 16

hours after the men's Australian Open champion, third-seeded Stan Wawrinka, was beaten in Paris — making this French Open already unlike any Grand Slam tournament in history. It's the first time that the men's and women's singles champions from the previous major lost in the first round.

"Nobody say if you (are) No. 2 in the world, you have to win all the matches. I mean, this is tennis," said Li, who works with Carlos Rodriguez, former coach of four-time French Open titlist Justine Henin.

For an opening match at a major, the "tension is different," she added. "Always tough to pass the first round."

Top players, even the likes of Rafael Nadal and Serena Williams, frequently talk about being particularly jittery at the start of a Grand Slam tournament, even



Li Na of China returns a forehand to Kristina Mladenovic of France during their women's singles match at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris May 27, 2014.

Associated Press

against clearly outclassed competition.

They notice, to be sure, when folks such as Li or Wawrinka depart quickly.

"Regardless of what's hap-

pened to the other players," said reigning Wimbledon champion Andy Murray, who won in four sets Tuesday, "I still hoped that I would try or be able to find ways through my first match and negotiate my way through a tricky opponent in these conditions." This French Open has seen some rough going for several past major champions and other highly seeded players, and the second round has yet to begin.

No. 13 Caroline Wozniacki, the 2009 U.S. Open runner-up, was beaten Tuesday, less than a week after her planned wedding to golf star Rory McIlroy was called off; No. 11 Grigor Dimitrov, considered an up-and-coming threat by many, lost to Ivo Karlovic; two seeded men, No. 16 Tommy Haas and No. 21 Nicolas Almagro, quit during the first set because of injuries; past Grand Slam titles winner Lleyton Hewitt also lost.

One person pleasantly surprised to finally feel what it's

like to win in the first round is 66th-ranked Marinko Matosevic of Australia, who was 0-12 at Grand Slam tournaments before beating Dustin Brown of Germany 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-7 (1), 7-5. "Huge relief," said Matosevic, who now meets No. 7 Murray. "It got pretty demoralizing at some stages. I had some tough draws. When I did have my chances, I just couldn't quite do it."

Li hung her head when she sailed a stroke long on match point for her 37th unforced error, 12 more than Mladenovic. At the opposite baseline, Mladenovic raised both arms, then covered her mouth with her trembling left hand, trying to process what had just happened. Soon, the 21-year-old Mladenovic was choking back tears.

"It's never normal when you beat such a big name, big player," said Mladenovic, who had been 1-5 at the French Open before Tuesday, including a loss to Li in 2010.

Quintana

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"It was raining a lot. We couldn't see any motorcycle. We all knew it was very dangerous," Quintana said. "We climbed the Stelvio together, and we all started to descend. There were four or five of us who pulled clear of the group. I went at my rhythm. I gave everything today. I was climbing well in the end."

Cadel Evans was third, 3:21 behind Quintana, and only five seconds ahead of Roland, with other rivals also gaining time on the Australian.

It was the first time both the Gavia and the Stelvio had been climbed on the same day and the stage was an exact copy of one of the legs in last year's Giro, which had to be altered

because of bad weather. There were fears the weather would again affect the stage this year and there was brief confusion as it was wrongly reported the route down the Stelvio had been neutralized with blizzards and rain making the technical descent even more treacherous. Some teams as well as the person responsible for the Giro's official twittered instructions to be careful on the descent, with riders slowing down at the top, wrongly understanding it to have been neutralized. "The communication was badly interpreted by some teams," race director Mauro Vegni said. "The indications only highlighted the danger of several curves in a risky part of the descent. It was never said that the race was neutralized or that they shouldn't race."

Several team directors continued to insist they had been told by the race radio to tell their cyclists the descent had been neutralized.

That came after the cyclists had already dealt with heavy fog and snow on the Gavia.

There was a group of 10 cyclists in the break which led up up the Stelvio and although, they had a lead of over two minutes, that started to come down on the climb.

Dario Cataldo attacked 2km (1.2 mile) from the summit and went on to claim the Cima Coppi prize, awarded to the cyclist who crosses the highest point of the race first. He sped down the descent, as confusion appeared to reign in the peloton, with some cyclists sitting up and taking time to put on warmer clothing.

Cleanliness is next to



As newlyweds, Phyllis and I moved into a new apartment without the usual domestic objects. Neighbors, having purchased a new vacuum cleaner, donated their aged, "it does not work very well anymore" vacuum cleaner. Three points motivated me to accept this gift. One, wanting to get off on the right foot, I did not want to seem ungracious to new neighbors. Two, we did not have a vacuum, so one, even "working well anymore" was better than doing it the "elbow grease" way. And finally, as my buddy Bob reminds me, I hate throwing anything away; wanting instead to repair everything. I grew up in a car dealership; where to repair is noble.

Soon, the aged vacuum cleaner lay in pieces in the corner of our sparsely furnished living room. Slowly, lint, hair and dust were removed from electrical contacts, hearing shafts, and rotors. A family tradition was born. If it doesn't work, clean it. Within days we had a vacuum cleaner that had regained its youthful vigor.

Amazing how everything works better when cleaned. I am not even saying repaired, just cleaned! The same can be said about your body. We clean our clothes, our skin, our houses, our cars, our floors, but what

about our insides? We can clean our large intestines with a method called colon hydrotherapy. Since we introduced this procedure in Aruba at Viana Natural Healing Center we have seen small miracles take place.

Historically, colon hydrotherapy was a popular form of treatment among physicians in the 1930's and 40's and has been experiencing reappearance among natural physicians. "Colon lavage" was first recorded 1500 B.C., in the Ebers Papyrus, which dealt with ancient medical practices. These enemas were described as the infusion of aqueous substances into the large intestine through the anus. Hippocrates, the "father" of allopathic medicine in the fourth and fifth Century B.C. recorded using enemas as a therapy for the reduction of fevers. In the second Century A.D., Galen, one of my heroes, also recognized and was an advocate of the use of enemas while strongly criticizing his contemporaries for their ignorance, greed, and superficial knowledge of the art of medicine. Also, Pare, the French surgeon, born in Laval, whose great practical skills and humaneness distinguished him from his contemporaries, in 1600 A.D., offered the first distinction between colon irrigation and the popular enema therapy of that age. We are talking about all the true medical greats here.

So what is it? Colon hydrotherapy is an extended and more complete form of an enema. The treatment is designed to cleanse above the rectum to the cecum. The cecum is the first part of the large intestine, located on the lower right side of the abdomen and having a worm-

shaped tube branching off called the appendix. Colon hydrotherapy involves the gentle infusion of warm filtered water into the rectum by the therapist or Natural Physician., using no chemicals or drugs. It is the natural solution to conditions, which interfere with the normal functions of the colon. The individual lies on his back, and water is mechanically infused into and out of the intestine without any assistance on the part of the patient. The out flowing water removes excess gas, mucus, infectious material and feces.

So why should a person consider colonics? An unclean, weak and poorly functioning colon is a breeding ground for disease, sickness and death. Natural Physicians will tell you that "old age starts in the colon". Serious health problems can develop if the colon is not properly cared for, and based on health statistics; colon health care in developed countries has been woefully neglected.

In the United States alone, over 400 million dollars is spent annually on laxatives. Laxatives act as chemical irritants and stimulate the muscular walls of the colon to abnormally contract to expel the irritating substances. It is very easy to become dependent upon these drugs. The oral route of administration is the least optimal method of evacuation of the large intestine. Very important digestive processes occurring higher up in the alimentary tract (stomach and small intestine) are interfered with. Most laxatives dehydrate or force the body to lose important water. Colon hydrotherapy alternately fills and empties the colon and improves the hydration status of the patient. A very good

thing, since most people's bodies are severely lacking water. Additional health statistics tell us that this year an estimated 130,000 new cases of colon and rectal cancer will be diagnosed in the United States, making it the fourth most common form of cancer among Americans.

Good colon health is as much a function of the quality of food, based on our blood type, we eat, as it is our elimination status. The Standard American/ Aruban Diet (SAD) comprised of refined, processed foods, high in saturated fats, sugar, flour, preservatives and low in fiber, inevitably causes problems for the colon. Over time, the colon loses the ability to process vital nutrients, absorb water and to eliminate fecal matter from the body, a condition commonly known as "constipation", making bowel movements infrequent, and difficult.

With constipation comes toxicity. Toxins present in the unhealthy colon can be transported into the circulatory system and soon the body may be unable to properly metabolize food and fat, or to provide vital energy for living! Colon toxicity can be the underlying cause of many commonly reported health problems and may indicate the need for colon hydrotherapy. Symptoms include: Constipation, Backaches, Diarrhea, Skin Problems, Difficult Weight Loss, Insomnia, Hypertension, Headaches, Arthritis, Bad Breath/ Halitosis, Asthma, Allergies and this list could go on.

Intestinal cleansing is a therapeutic procedure, which addresses the cause or source of many of your medical problem. Other measures, especially allopathic drugs, which treat only the symptoms, will

provide only temporary relief. Colon hydrotherapy could clean and dilute the toxin load in the large intestine, resulting in a reduced burden on the liver, allowing the eliminative organs to function optimally. Colon hydrotherapy could also prevent stagnation and minimize the exposure of carcinogenic agents to the colon wall. The above combined effect may serve to rejuvenate the immunological system and truly be a pathway to vibrant health!

Get the point! Your colon, together with your lungs, skin and kidneys, are designed to keep you healthy by accomplish the essential task of the elimination of toxins in the intestines, blood and lymph systems. You know the saying says "Cleanliness is next to Godliness". Now you know why.q

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LG emphasizes simplicity in new G3 smartphone

By ANICK JESDANUN
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) -- LG's new smartphone provides sharper pictures than other leading phones, while sporting a customizable keyboard that promises to make typing easier. The G3 phone's high-resolution display has 538 pixels per inch. Most other phones are in the 300-pixel range, with a handful reaching the 400s. The phone's display measures 5.5 inches diagonally, yet the phone is only a tad larger and heavier than Samsung's 5.1-inch Galaxy S5. But the G3 lacks water resistance, a fingerprint reader and a heart-rate monitor - all of which are found in the S5.

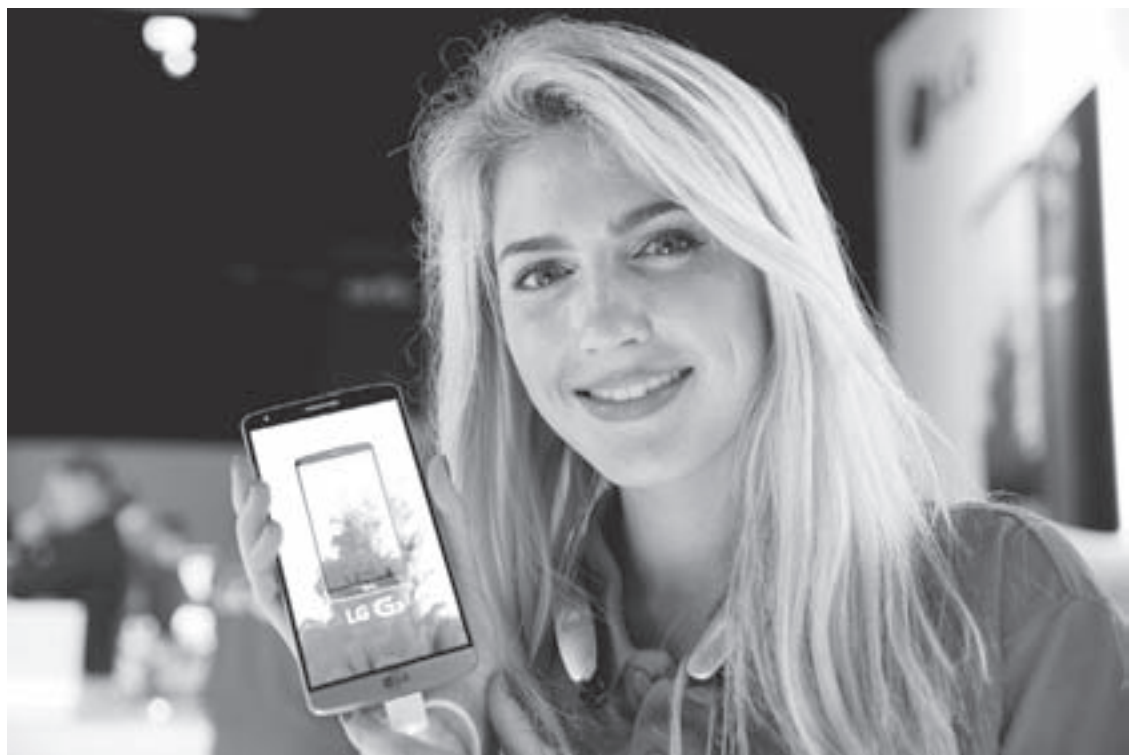
In an interview Tuesday, U.S. marketing executive Chang Ma said LG wanted to emphasize simplicity and avoid loading the phone with features that are complex to use or don't work well. With water resistance, for instance, Ma said LG would have had to "sacrifice other key features and functions," including keeping the weight down and the device small enough to hold comfortably.

The G3 also promises fast auto-focusing and one-touch controls on its 13-megapixel camera. People will be able to un-

lock phones not with passcodes but a pattern of taps on the screen. The keyboard's height can be adjusted to make keys bigger or smaller, and users can choose which symbols appear on the bottom row. But many of the innovations in the G3 are familiar. For instance, it offers a way to hide certain photos and video when lending a phone to others. Samsung's S5 has a similar feature. LG said the phone will be available in a few markets this week, including its home country of South Korea. It will be available in the U.S. this summer through all major wireless carriers. Prices weren't announced.

LG has had trouble getting noticed for its smartphones in a market dominated by Samsung Electronics Co. and Apple Inc. According to Gartner, LG had a market share of less than 5 percent last year, in fourth place just behind Huawei. Samsung had a 31 percent market share last year and Apple had 16 percent.

Last year's G2 phone was notable for moving the power and volume controls to the back, which the company said made the phone easier to handle and less prone to drops. But the phone got little attention. The G Flex, a phone



An LG employee poses for photographers holding the company's newly unveiled smartphone called the G3 at a press event in London, Tuesday, May 27, 2014.

with a curved display, was expensive, and the benefits of the slight curve weren't apparent. LG also makes

the Nexus 5 phone under Google's brand.

Ma said LG has learned from past launches and will

emphasize not the specifications and the technology but the benefits that they provide. □

China calls on U.S. to stop 'unscrupulous' spying

BEIJING (AP) -- China called for a halt Tuesday to what it called unscrupulous U.S. cyberspying, saying that a monthslong investigation into reports on the "ugly face" of U.S.

espionage has concluded that China is a major target of those efforts.

The complaint in the form of a government agency report comes a week after U.S. prosecutors charged five Chinese military officers with hacking into American companies to steal trade secrets.

The report by China's Internet Media Research Center, cited Tuesday by the official Xinhua News Agency, mentioned media reports of former NSA contractor Edward Snowden's leaks and said a subsequent investigation by Chinese authorities "confirmed the existence of snooping activities directed against China."

"As a superpower, the United States takes advantage of its political, economic, military and technological hegemony to unscrupulously monitor other countries, including its allies," said the report, dated Monday. "The United States'

spying operations have gone far beyond the legal rationale of 'anti-terrorism' and have exposed its ugly face of pursuing self-interest in complete disregard of moral integrity."

It said these operations had "flagrantly breached International laws, seriously infringed upon the human rights and put global cyber security under threat. They deserve to be rejected and condemned by the whole world."

The Internet Media Research Center is overseen by the State Council Information Office, the Cabinet's press office.

U.S. federal prosecutors say the five Chinese military officers targeted big-name American makers of nuclear and solar technology, stealing confidential business information, sensitive trade secrets and internal communications for competitive advantage. China has objected strongly to the charges. □

Spotify breach will require Android app upgrades

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Spotify is requiring people listening to its popular music service on Android devices to install new software as a safeguard against a recent security breach.

The break-in so far has only resulted in unauthorized access to one user's account, according to a Tuesday disclosure posted online by Oskar Stal, Spotify's chief technology officer. He said passwords and financial information were not stolen.

Spotify has more than 40

million users. A substantial number of them rely on Android, the world's most popular mobile operating system. Spotify users streaming on iPhones, iPads and Windows devices don't have to upgrade at this time.

Some users will be required to re-enter their passwords to log in.

And Android device users prompted to upgrade their Spotify application may have to deal with another headache: All previously saved offline playlists must

be downloaded again.

The Spotify breach is just the latest intrusion into a prominent company. Just last week, e-commerce company eBay Inc. required its users to change passwords after its database was hacked. Thieves stole 40 million credit and debit card numbers from customers shopping at Target stores in November and December. The personal information of about 70 million Target customers was also snatched. The breach prompted many consumers to shop elsewhere. □

Wall Street climbs; Fourth straight gain for S&P

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — More promising signs that the economy is strengthening after its winter slowdown pushed stocks higher on Tuesday. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose for the fourth straight day and ended at another all-time high. It closed above 1,900 for the first time on Friday. Small-company stocks and other riskier parts of the market, like Internet and biotechnology companies, also gained after being beaten down over the past few months. The government reported that orders to U.S. factories for long-lasting manufactured goods rose unexpectedly in April, powered by a surge in demand for military aircraft. Also, the Conference Board's consumer confidence index rose in May to the second-highest level since January 2008, just after the start of the Great Recession.

"Everyone's been continuing to look for signs about whether the economy is picking up some speed," said Kate Warne, an investment strategist at Edward Jones. The report on manufactured goods "is one more piece of evidence suggesting that it really was weather and not something else slowing growth in the winter time." The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 11.38 points, or 0.6 percent, to 1,911.91. The stock market was closed Monday for Memorial Day. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 69.23 points, or 0.4 percent, to 16,675.50. The Nasdaq composite climbed 51.26 points, or 1.2 percent, to 4,237.07. Stocks rose from the opening bell following the durable goods report. Nine of the ten sectors that make up the S&P 500 rose, led by financial and industrial companies. Small-company stocks also made big gains, suggesting that investors were

more comfortable making riskier investments. The Russell 2000 rose 1.3 percent, its biggest gain in two weeks. Hillshire Brands, the maker of Jimmy Dean breakfast sausage and other products, was among the big-

gest gainers Tuesday. The stock jumped \$8.17, or 22.1 percent, to \$45.19 after poultry producer Pilgrim's Pride offered to acquire the company in a deal worth about \$5.6 billion. Pilgrim's Pride said the deal

is better than Hillshire's plan, announced earlier this month, to buy Pinnacle Foods for \$4.23 billion. Pinnacle's stock fell \$1.79, or 5.4 percent, to \$31.48. Despite the positive economic news, bond prices



A board above the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange shows the closing number for the Standard & Poor's index, Tuesday, May 27, 2014. The S&P 500 gained 11 points, or 0.6 percent, to close at 1,911 Tuesday. It had its first close above 1,900 points on Friday last week.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Pilgrim's Pride in takeover bid for Hillshire

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Pilgrim's Pride launched a takeover bid for Hillshire Brands on Tuesday that would expand its business beyond fresh and frozen chicken into a variety of packaged meats, including Ball Park hot dogs and Jimmy Dean sausages. The \$5.58 billion offer could derail Hillshire's plans to buy Pinnacle Foods, which makes Birds Eye frozen vegetables, Duncan Hines cake mixes and Hungry Man frozen dinners. Hillshire had announced the \$4.23 billion deal earlier this month as a way to expand into different parts of the supermarket. But Pilgrim's Pride says its offer of \$45 per share for Hillshire is "substantially superior" and would allow the companies to cut costs by merging some operations and become a "protein leader" that sells more types of meat.



Hillshire Farm products at Quality Market in Barre, Vt. Pilgrim's Pride on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 said it is offering to acquire meat producer Hillshire Brands in a deal worth about \$5.58 billion.

(AP Photo/Toby Talbot)

"As you are well aware, it has long been our desire to acquire the company," Pilgrim's said in a public letter to Hillshire CEO Sean Connolly. In a statement, Hillshire said it continues to strongly believe in the "strategic

merits and value creation potential" of its deal with Pinnacle Foods. The Chicago-based company said it would review Pilgrim's proposal as part of its fiduciary duties. Pilgrim's Pride, which is majority-owned by Brazilian

meat company JBS, wants to focus more heavily on branded products, which are more profitable than selling private-label meats to supermarkets and food-service outlets. Hillshire, which has been struggling with weak sales, is looking for ways to boost its results, including by focusing on products like its Jimmy Dean breakfast sandwiches that aren't made up entirely of meat. Its shares were up nearly 23 percent to \$44.43 in morning trading. Pilgrim's Pride's offer represents a 24 percent premium to Hillshire's closing price Friday of \$36.23. Hillshire has 124 million shares outstanding, according to SEC filings. Pilgrim's Pride values the deal at \$6.4 billion, when debt is included. The company noted that Hillshire's deal with Pinnacle lets it consider proposals that might be more favorable to Hillshire stockholders. □

rose. Typically, bond prices fall and their yields rise when economic data improves as traders anticipate that interest rates will rise in the future.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.51 percent from 2.53 percent on Friday. The yield on the note is trading close to its lowest in ten months. It started the year at 3 percent.

The recent surge in bonds is one of the reasons behind the uptick in stocks, said Jeff Knight, head of global asset allocation at Columbia Management, an asset management company. Although stocks are no longer cheap on an absolute level after the S&P 500 surged almost 30 percent last year, they still look good value compared to bonds.

"Stocks are still very attractive relative to bonds, and I think that's the key trade-off," said Knight.

While the stock market has made modest gains this year, bonds have surged, contrary to the expectations of many analysts. □



In this photo, earth moving and construction equipment is stored on a lot at the Highway Equipment Company in Zelienople, Pa. The Commerce Department reported positive data on business orders for durable goods in April on Tuesday, May 27, 2014. (AP Photo/Keith Srakocic)

US durable goods orders up 0.8 percent over April

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders to U.S. factories for long-lasting manufactured goods advanced for a third month in April, but much of the strength came from a big surge in demand for military aircraft. Orders in a category that signals business investment plans fell by the largest amount in three months.

Orders for durable manufactured goods rose 0.8 percent from the previous month after a 3.6 percent gain in March, the Commerce Department said Tuesday. The April strength stemmed from a big jump in demand for defense goods including airplanes. Excluding defense, orders would have fallen 0.8 percent in April.

The April result supports the view that the economy stands to benefit in the coming months from increased production at factories, which should bolster growth and spur further hiring.

Orders for core capital goods, a category viewed as a proxy for business investment plans, fell 1.2 percent in April. It was the weakest showing since a 1.9 percent January drop. The harsh winter dragged overall economic growth to a barely discernible 0.1 percent in the January-March quarter. That figure will be updated on Thursday, and many economists believe it could slip into negative territory.

But economists are looking for a significant rebound in the April-June quarter, reflecting in part pent-up demand from consumers who put off purchases because of the bad weather. Many analysts say that growth in the spring quarter could come in as high as an annual rate of between 3.5 percent and 4 percent. Economists were encouraged by the moderate increase in April orders, which was better than the decline they had been forecasting. They also took heart from solid upward revisions that showed more strength in March than previously believed.

"We would expect to see capital goods orders and shipments continuing to trend upwards," Amna Asaf, an economist at Capital Economics, said in a research note. "Second-quarter growth in equipment investment should be notably better."

In April, orders for transportation goods increased 2.3 percent. That reflected a 13.1 percent surge in demand for military aircraft, which offset a 4.1 percent drop in demand for commercial aircraft.

Orders for motor vehicles fell 1 percent in April after a small 0.3 percent gain in March.

A number of categories posted declines in April. Demand for primary metals such as steel fell 0.4 percent, and orders for machinery dropped 2.9 percent. □

Knockoffs a headache for IPO-bound Alibaba

KELVIN CHAN
AP Business Writer

HONG KONG (AP) — At first glance, the Monster Tron T1 headphones sold on Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba's Taobao site are a tempting offer for audiophiles looking for state-of-the-art hi-fi equipment.

But sellers omit one key detail: Monster Inc. never produced this model.

"There should be none in existence but our prototypes," said Dave Tognotti, general manager of the California company best known for its audio-visual cables. He said Monster went so far as to announce a launch date but the de-

blockbuster initial public offering of shares in the United States. Analysts say the IPO could raise up to \$15 billion.

Founder and Chairman Jack Ma has called theft of intellectual property a "cancer" on society and Alibaba has stepped up efforts to root out fakes that dent its credibility with consumers, but there are still complaints.

"To ask for \$15 billion to move Alibaba forward is going to open the floodgates on counterfeits," said Craig Crosby, publisher of the Counterfeit Report, a website that flags pirated products sold online.

Alibaba spends more than

Counterfeits are not limited to Alibaba. EBay said in its latest annual report that it faces lawsuits or the threat of lawsuits from brand owners over alleged listings of counterfeit items. Many hope a U.S. stock listing will give Alibaba the resources and motivation to step up enforcement.

"I'm excited for the IPO because I feel like it will level the playing field," said Nick Wester, founder of The Mainland Group, which sniffs out knockoff products sold online on behalf of brand owners.

"As Alibaba moves into the same playing field as Amazon and eBay, they'll have to be responsible and ac-



People walk past a company logo at the headquarters of Alibaba Group in Hangzhou, in eastern China's Zhejiang province. (AP Photo)

sign proved too complex to build to the company's quality specifications, so it was abandoned.

"You can understand our surprise when we started to see counterfeit versions of this product appearing on websites like Alibaba.com, Aliexpress.com, 1688.com, and Taobao.com," he said. All four sites are part of Alibaba Group. Tognotti said that 99.5 percent of purported Monster products sold on Alibaba sites are fakes, based on thousands of listings the company's investigators have examined over the years.

Phony headphones and other knockoffs are a persistent problem for Alibaba that has grown more urgent since the company started working on a

\$16 million dollars a year on anti-counterfeiting efforts. Taobao has 200 staff working on copyright infringement, brand protection and quality control. According to the company's blog, it took down 114 million listings of fake or counterfeit products in the first 10 months of 2013, nearly a third more than for all of 2012.

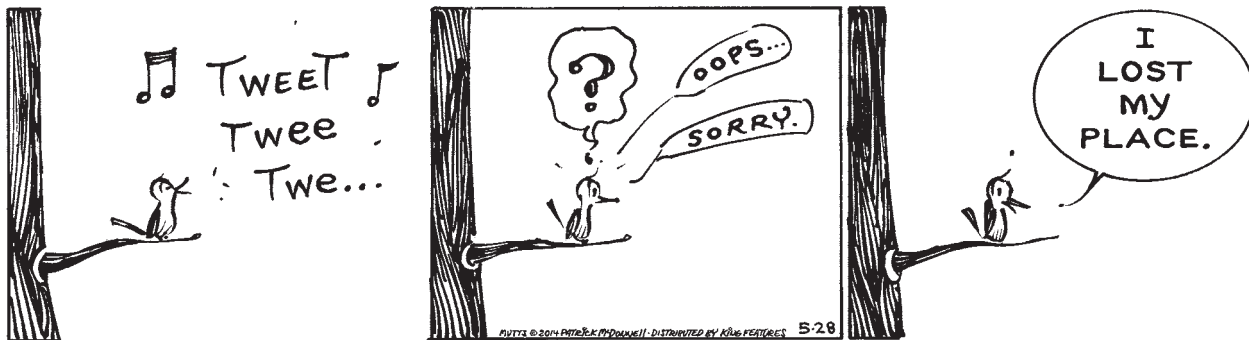
For such efforts, the U.S. Trade Representative removed Taobao in December 2012 from its Notorious Markets list of counterfeit goods. The report urged Taobao, which has about 800 million listings and requires just a Chinese ID card to start selling, to further streamline procedures to reduce the time needed to take down listings.

countable and show that they're taking that responsibility seriously."

Wester's Las Vegas-based company uses image recognition and keyword software to search sites for counterfeits. There are also six Chinese-speaking employees, including two in Beijing, who look for clues that a product is faked, such as using Chinese characters that mimic the sound of a brand name in English. He said the company has gotten better at responding to complaints, although foreign brand owners still feel like it's the "Wild West."

Alibaba declined to comment, citing requirements to not selectively release information ahead of its initial public offering. □

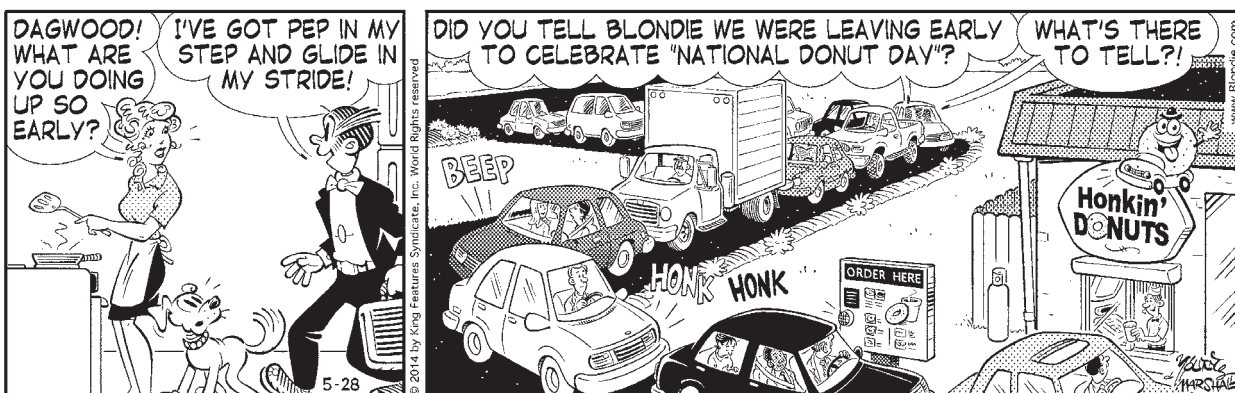
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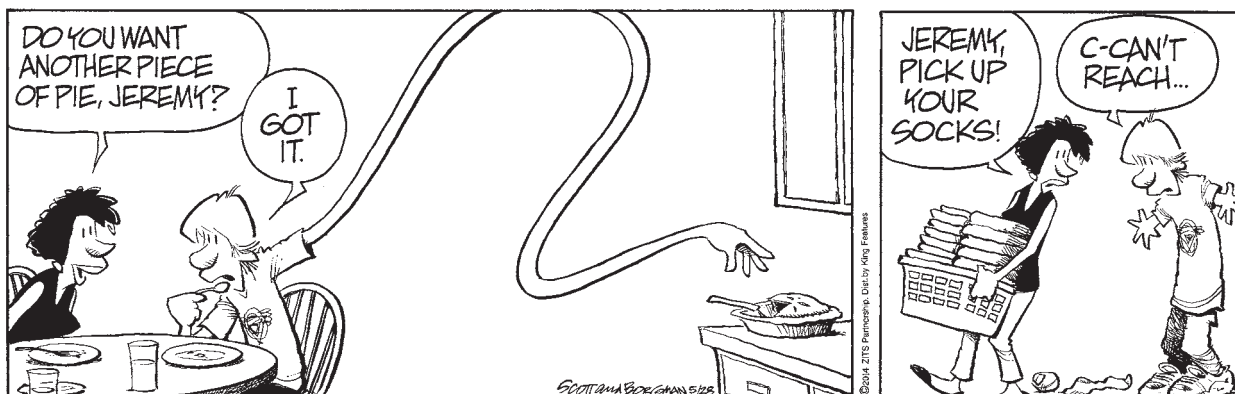
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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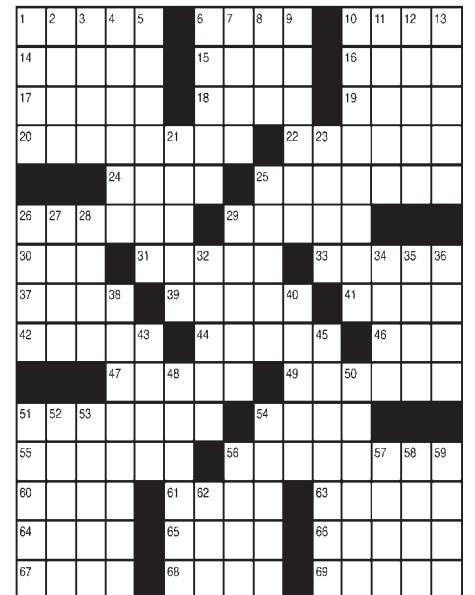
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- Capable
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- Atkins or Pritikin
- Picnic spoiler
- Boxer & Rubio
- Warmed
- Give up land
- Laborers
- Go skyward
- Military chaplain
- Zodiac sign
- Work for a pest control service
- Stitched joinings
- Tropical tree
- Bit of gossip
- Willow or cedar
- Take illegally
- More rational
- Lynx or calico
- Schnozes
- Notices on the horizon
- Some woodwind players
- Greek cheese
- Yuban or MJB
- Deadly food-borne disease
- Give a traffic ticket to
- Zone
- Luau greeting
- Does drugs
- Sword fight
- Water lily
- Tenant's payment
- Cravings
- Arguments

DOWN

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- Press clothing
- Troublemaker
- Make believe
- Agassi of tennis
- Speaker's platform
- Gorilla or chimpanzee
- System; way of doing things
- Pet bird
- Diminish
- Sneakier
- Puts in the mail
- More bizarre
- Miscalculates
- Covered; pioneer vehicle
- Matterhorn's range
- Fanny
- "Old King"; nursery rhyme
- Wild felines
- Transports for schoolkids
- Part of the foot
- Veal or venison
- Matching pairs
- Show clearly
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- Ceremonies
- Not wobbly
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- Happen
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Missing Jet

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Hope this is the original raw data and can be used to potentially 'think out of the box' to get an alternative positive outcome."

Steve Wang, whose mother was on the plane, said he was disappointed that the release did not contain an account of exactly what investigators did to conclude the plane had taken the southern route.

"We are not experts and we cannot analyze the raw data, but we need to see the deduction process and judge by ourselves if every step was solid," he said. "We still need to know where the plane is and what is the truth."

We know the likelihood that our beloved ones have survived is slim, but it is not zero."

Sarah Bajc, whose husband was on the flight, has been at the forefront of a campaign to press the government for more transparency.

She said that "a half dozen very qualified people were looking" at the information and she hoped to have their conclusions soon.

The investigators were forced to rely on the Inmarsat data because the plane's other communication and navigation systems were disabled. They determined the plane's direction by measuring the frequency of the signals sent to the satellite. By considering aircraft performance, the satellite's location and other known factors such as the amount of fuel on board, they determined the plane's final location was to the south of the satellite.

In early April, search crews picked up a series of underwater signals in the area the satellite data indicated was the likely crash site. The signals appeared to be consistent with the "pings" from aircraft black boxes, which contain flight data and cockpit voice recordings.

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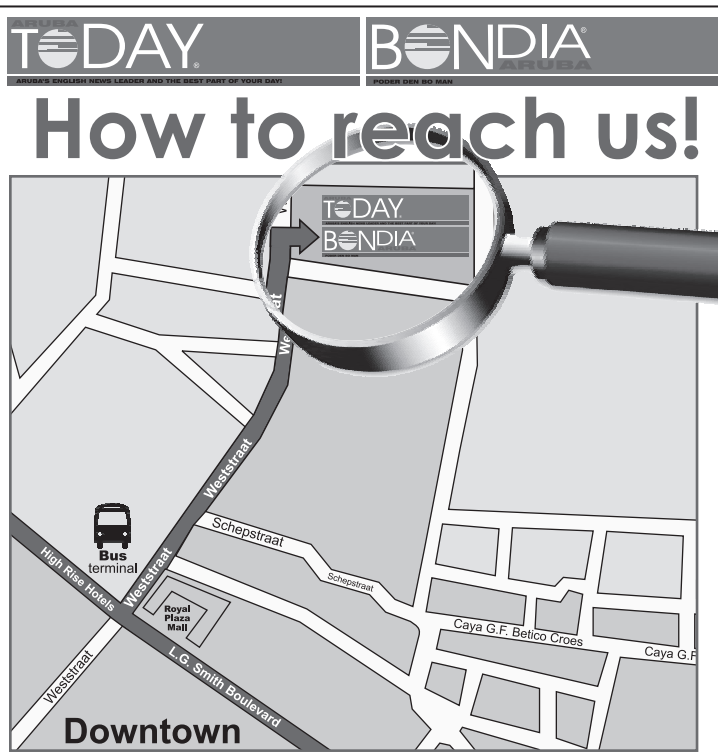
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Drones are newest hurricane research tools

By JENNIFER KAY
Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) -- The point where the roiling ocean meets the fury of a hurricane's winds may hold the key to improving storm intensity forecasts - but it's nearly impossible for scientists to see.

That may change this summer, thanks to post-Hurricane Sandy federal funding and a handful of winged drones that can spend hours spiraling in a hurricane's dark places, transmitting data that could help forecasters understand what makes some storms fizzle while others strengthen into monsters. Knowing that information while a storm is still far offshore could help emergency managers better plan for evacuations or storm surge risks.

A hurricane is like an engine, and warm ocean water is its fuel. One secret, scientists say, is getting a better understanding of how the warm water transfers energy to tropical storms.

"We really need to get a better idea of what's going on down there before we even look to improve our intensity forecast," said Joe Cione, who studies how storms interact with the ocean at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Hurricane Research Division in Miami. Hurricane hunter aircraft



In this April 29, 2014 photo, Joe Cione, who studies how storms interact with the ocean at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Hurricane Research Division in Miami, displays a drone he hopes to use this hurricane season for research.

Associated Press

typically don't fly below 5,000 feet and can't descend below 1,500 feet, and real-time radar doesn't provide information about the thermodynamics at work inside a storm's cloudy core. Canisters stuffed with electronics dropped from the planes transmit data about a storm's pressure, temperature, winds and moisture as they fall to the ocean, but they remain airborne for only a few minutes.

The kind of drone that Cione plans to launch from the hurricane hunters will spend hours descending slowly, cruising on the air currents spinning through a storm, possibly even orbiting a hurricane's eyewall. The amount of data the 3-foot, 7-pound drone - the Coyote, shaped like a

thin missile with retractable wings - could collect in the lowest parts of a hurricane would give researchers a movie compared to the snapshots sent back by the canisters, Cione said.

The drones have a propeller and are controlled by someone in the hurricane hunter aircraft, but they are designed to float on air currents, not fly against strong winds. And the small drones are disposable - once they hit the water, they won't be recovered.

Hurricane forecasters have gotten good at predicting where a storm is will hit, and the so-called "cone of uncertainty" that shows a storm's likely path will shrink again this year. Improvements in predicting changes in the intensity of storms, though, have lagged.

Several factors can alter a storm's intensity, such as cold water from the ocean's depths mixing with warm water at the surface, wind shear, the cyclical rebuilding of the wall of clouds that ring a hurricane's eye or a change in the energy a storm is pull-

ing from the ocean. That last variable is what Cione calls a "data void region," and it's where the drones will aim.

"There's a reason you don't have hurricanes over land - they need the water, they need that evaporation and condensation, which is the source of their energy. So, how does that happen?" Cione said. "If we can't sample this region very well, very accurately, all the time, we could have the potential to miss how much energy is coming out of the ocean by a third or a half."

Cione plans to test five or six drones in the peak of hurricane season, and possibly next year, to see how well they communicate data in real time. The \$1.25 million project is among a slew of other NOAA hurricane research funded by last year's Sandy supplemental bill that authorized \$60 billion for disaster relief agencies.

The potential for the data collected by the drones is priceless, Cione said.

"A lot of people talk about first responders, and I have the utmost respect for that, but we're sort of like pre-first-responders," Cione said. "Imagine these type of things out there 12 hours before landfall, and it's a category higher than we think. Maybe that's the difference between evacuating people and not evacuating people."

It's the kind of information forecasters would have liked to have had when Hurricane Charley suddenly strengthened to Category 4 as it sped into southwest Florida in 2004.

Forecasters knew where

it was going, and they warned coastal residents to prepare for a possibly major hurricane. But they couldn't see that it would intensify into a monster even as it approached land - forecasters still can't explain what's behind that rapid intensification process.

Charley cut a swath of destruction across Florida, killing nine people in the state. "At the 11th hour, having the intensity information is good, yes. It helps me to tell people, 'Stay where you are, don't go outside because you're now putting yourself at far greater risk of injury from flying debris,'" said Charlotte County Emergency Management Director Wayne Sallade, who is still chief almost a decade after Charley's landfall.

However, it would be even more helpful to know more about whether a hurricane might continue strengthening when it's 36 hours or more from landfall, Sallade said. That would help determine the risk of storm surge - the dangerous water rise created by tropical storms.

Good forecasts hinge on details, and intensity forecasts may just need a little tweaking, not a complete overhaul, to improve dramatically, said Florida International University hurricane expert Hugh Willoughby, who led NOAA's Hurricane Research Division from 1995 until 2002.

"I think the problem is we're not getting enough of the details right," Willoughby said. "It's not something where there's going to be a huge breakthrough." □

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Cruise pushes 'Edge of Tomorrow' to its limits

HILARY FOX

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Three premieres in three cities on one day. Tom Cruise and Emily Blunt are pushing their own limits to promote their latest movie "Edge of Tomorrow."

The tour starts Wednesday with an early London premiere, moving on to Paris and ending in New York. Film stars are used to jetting around to launch their projects but not usually on the same day.

Blunt, the 31-year-old British actress known from "The Devil Wears Prada," says it's typical of her co-star.

"When I heard about the premiere idea of three in one day, I just said 'that's Tom's idea,'" she said.

"Edge of Tomorrow," directed by Doug Liman, is an action thriller, a science-fiction tale, a war movie and a love story all rolled into one.

Cruise, 51, plays military PR man Maj. William Cage, a quick-talking coward who is forced to fight for hu-

manity against an alien invasion.

Blunt is the poster girl for the army, a highly-trained warrior and the only person who can help Cage when he starts living the same day over and over again, never reaching the tomorrow of the title.

Shot in the U.K. at Warner Brothers' Leavesden Studios, the director says three premieres in twenty-four hours is nothing compared to what they achieved on the set.

"'Edge of Tomorrow' was an impossible movie to make — harder than anything I've ever done before. So having a premiere day that starts off sounding impossible really seemed like it would be a great way to finish," Liman said.

Cruise and Blunt joked about who will have more stamina on the day.

"Because I have a baby, I'm not sleeping as much anyway," Blunt noted.

"You'll be like, unconscious. But I'll be there," Cruise countered. □



U.S. actor Tom Cruise poses to photographers during a photocall for his new film 'Edge of Tomorrow' in Rome, Tuesday, May 27, 2014.

Associated Press

Review: 'Suspicion' is a can't-miss thriller

JEFF AYERS

Associated Press

Danny Goodman loves his teenage daughter, Abby, more than he can express. He's been having a rough go of things raising her since her mother died, and the private school that Abby attends has been invaluable. Abby has begun to thrive academically, and she has found a best friend, Jenna.

Then the bills begin piling up. Abby's school tells Danny that \$5,000 is immediately required for a trip to Italy, along with the rest of her tuition, or she will be forced to leave. How can he afford it?

Then Jenna's wealthy father, Thomas, offers to help. He tells Danny that Jenna had been on the verge of delinquency and Abby is the answer to his prayers. He offers to loan



This photo provided by Dutton shows the cover of author, Joseph Finder's book, "Suspicion."

Associated Press

him \$50,000. And he assures Danny that he can pay him back when he can afford it.

Danny accepts the offer and begins to resolve his financial troubles. □

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Creator: Drug drama "Power" has universal story



This undated image released by Starz shows Curtis Jackson, better known as 50 Cent, in a scene from "Power," premiering on June 7. "Power," a gritty new drama executive produced by 50 Cent, chronicles both the underpinnings of a brutal drug trade life and the glamour of the clubs.

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NEW YORK (AP) — "Power," a gritty new drama debuting next month on Starz, is executive produced by 50 Cent and chronicles both the underpinnings of a brutal drug trade life and the glamour of the clubs. But its creator, Courtney Kemp Agboh, balks when it's described as urban entertainment. The Emmy-nominated producer, whose credits include "The Good Wife," sees the story

as one that's relatable to everyone, even suburban moms. "In a real sense it's a show about a universal question," she says. "Does your past dictate your future? Can you change who you are? ... The show is really about a larger thing." "Power," which premieres June 7, stars Omari Hardwick as Ghost, a drug dealer who doubles as a successful nightclub owner to conceal his illegal trade. While it's part gangster

drama, it's also a love story: The married Ghost is also pining for a long lost love who has made her return. He also seeks to shed his life of crime in hopes of finally becoming a legit businessman. While the show is based in part by 50 Cent's own transformation from drug dealer to rap superstar, Agboh, who created the show with him, also used her late father as inspiration. "My dad was an advertising guy, and he was very invested in the idea that perception is reality and that if you looked good, and you smelled good and you sounded good, that people would believe whatever you had to say and you were able to manipulate people's opinions of you through image," she said. "As a black man he felt he

got access to people and experiences as a result of dressing a certain way, and sounding a certain way and having a certain educational background. When my dad died, I felt like I really needed to write about him and write about his experiences." The death of Agboh's father in 2011 was a turning point for her. It was after he died that "Power" began to become a reality. "This is the first show I ever pitched, the first show I ever sold, the first show I ever wrote for money," she said. "Things happened at once." It's another high point for Agboh, who started off as a magazine writer before leaping into television writing, then producing. "I wanted to be the first black female editor in chief

of Vogue magazine, and that totally didn't work out," she laughed. As one of the few black women behind a TV series, there are obvious comparisons to Shonda Rimes, whom with the success of shows like "Scandal" and "Grey's Anatomy" has become one of the most powerful figures on television. But Agboh sees few similarities besides their race and sex, the significance of which she downplays. "I don't think it's about the race or gender of the show runner, I think it's about what's compelling and what will bring people back," she said. "I'm grateful to Shonda if in fact her existence allows people to see me in a different way, but I don't think that we do the same thing or should we be expected to." □

Broadway's box office and attendance figures up

MARK KENNEDY
AP Drama Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Broadway's revenue and attendance figures were both up this season, largely fueled by classics from Harold Pinter and William Shakespeare rather than brash, new musicals. The Broadway League said Tuesday that box offices reported a record total gross of \$1.27 billion for the season. That's up from \$1.13 billion from the previous season. The trade association for theater owners, operators and producers also says attendance was up 5.6 percent to 12.2 million. Box office sales and attendance were both down



This Jan. 19, 2012 file photo shows a theatergoer buying Broadway tickets at the Times Square TKTS discount ticket booth in New York.

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last season. New musicals including "After Midnight," "Rocky," "If/Then," "A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder," □

Insult king Don Rickles honored in Spike TV tribute

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NEW YORK (AP) — Don Rickles engages in what might be called Comedy S and M. He insults audience members (whether famous or unknown, each a hockey puck in his eyes) and they laugh and beg for more.

It's a manic, lacerating style Rickles has commanded for a half-century-plus. Now he's being feted by Spike TV with a 90-minute special, "One Night Only: An All-Star Comedy Tribute." A black-tie affair taped earlier this month at Harlem's storied Apollo Theater, it airs Wednesday at 9 p.m. EDT, packed with love and a healthy dose of bile. "We wanted to honor your memory, Don, so here we are," says Martin Scorsese, firing a zinger at the spirited but frail-looking Rickles seated stage-side — "though if I'd been directing this, I don't think I would have gone for the open casket." Amy Poehler and Tina Fey



In this April 28, 2012 file photo, Don Rickles accepts the Johnny Carson Award at The 2012 Comedy Awards in New York.

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deliver their own saucy slam at Rickles' advanced age. Fey: "It's almost like he's here with us. You can feel his spirit in this room tonight." Poehler: "Tina! He IS here." Fey (casting a startled look in Rickles' direction): "I thought that was somebody's purse." Other stars on hand include Jerry Seinfeld, Robert De Niro, Regis Philbin, Tracy Morgan, Brian Williams and

Jon Stewart. David Letterman fondly remembers first meeting Rickles "at a Scientology mixer." A worshipful Johnny Depp claims Rickles drove him into therapy. He explains that, on their first encounter, he was unprepared for what a nice man Rickles really is. The insults Depp kept expecting never came, "which meant to me at the time that he clearly hated me." □

Some Like It Hot



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WASHINGTON - Some people have such a radical vitality, such an electric consciousness, such a lifelong love affair with the world that when they stop breathing, it's like a wind dying, like the waning and disappearing of a light.

And the world feels duller and dumber and more lackluster without them.

Arthur Gelb, the New York Times editor known as "The Arthurian Legend," had that constant, overflowing, generous engagement. The world was always putting its hooks in him, and he was always putting his hooks in the world.

Immersed in an "All About Eve" milieu of theater and criticism animated by schadenfreude, Arthur didn't have any. During my job interview, he told me that he enjoyed being an editor because as a reporter he could think of 17 stories but work on only one at a time, while as an editor he could assign all 17 at once.

He was 17 stories all by himself, the most cultivated ink-stained wretch ever.

Arthur was 90 when he died Tuesday, and he had written a zesty reminiscence, "City Room," about the raffish "Front Page" era in journalism. Yet there was nothing fusty about him.

Even in the exuberant age of Abe and Arthur, the tall, kinetic member of the team had a Twitter metabolism and Big Data appetite.

I always associated him with "V" words - Vesuvian, voracious, voltaic. In his imagination, almost any random remark you dropped could be spun into a potential story, causing his eyes to flash and arms to flap.

Once when he invited some reporters to dinner at Sardi's he spied Helen Hayes and Lillian Gish at a nearby table. "Go interview them!" he whispered to Michi Kakutani, even though there was no news peg and it would run only in the second edition. While she was gone, he had her untouched dinner put in a doggie bag.

The third Eugene O'Neill biography that he wrote with his wife, Barbara, will be published next year. It focuses on the three wives who influenced the playwright and is titled "By Women Possessed."

That could also work as the title of an Arthur bio. "I like women," he would say with a shrug.

He especially liked talented, neurotic, operatic women - funny, since his son Peter grew up to be the visionary head of the Met. Arthur loved getting to the heart

of women's hearts. Once, dining with Mia Farrow and Woody Allen, he asked Farrow how on earth she could be attracted to both Woody and Frank Sinatra.

And there was the time he sent the Times music critic Harold Schonberg over to ask the irascible Wanda Horowitz what it was like to have two demanding musical geniuses in her life - her father, Arturo Toscanini, and her husband, Vladimir Horowitz.

"They ruined my life and they should roast in hell!" she shrieked. Arthur never tired of telling how he discovered Barbra Streisand in the Village and fell in love with 19-year-old Barbara Stone the day the comely redhead started working with him on the Times copy desk.

As a young theater reporter, he was always getting bewitched by beautiful actresses.

One morning in 1951, he went to a small midtown hotel to interview "a new personality" handpicked by Colette to star in "Gigi" on Broadway.

"She opened the door and she was in her bathrobe," he told me, "and she looked a little disheveled, and that was very exciting, and I found my heart pounding a little bit because she was so pretty close up. And she was so intelligent and she had humor and a kind of come-hither way when she talked to a man." He peppered her with so many questions, she told him they should finish up over dinner at the Plaza.

When he called Barbara to tell her he had to work late interviewing Audrey Hepburn, his irritated bride replied, "You call that work?"

My favorite story, which I made Arthur retell on a BBC radio show a couple years ago, was his "drunken prank" on Marilyn Monroe.

One night in the early 1950s when he was about 30 and was working on night rewrite, he and his fellow rewrite guys took their 10 o'clock dinner break at Sardi's. Monroe came in with a group and was seated at the next table.

Her dress had a low-cut back, and Arthur said he and his pals were "mesmerized by her back" and her "absolutely flawless skin, very white, very pure."

"One of us said, 'You know, wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to just touch that back?' And before we knew it, we were talking about who would have the guts, the nerve, the bravery to touch her. We all put up a couple of dollars and said the first person who leans over and touches her will collect the money. And I, with bravado - I was kind of a wise-guy young man - leaned over quickly and just touched her with my forefinger.

"I thought I'd touch her and maybe she wouldn't even feel the touch. But she swung around and said in the loudest voice imaginable: 'Who did that?' And we just went into our clothes to hide. It was just the most horrible moment you could possibly imagine. And her friends said, 'Come on, Marilyn,' and they calmed her down and turned her around. I collected the 10 bucks and we got out of there." Some like it hot. Arthur liked it crackling. □



The Tea Party Legacy



ROSS DOUTHAT
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The Tea Party is finished: smashed, at last, by the power and dollars of the Republican establishment, whose candidates - including Mitch McConnell, the most establishment Republican of all - easily turned back right-wing primary challengers last week.

No, the Tea Party has won: There simply isn't that much difference between an establishment Republican and a Tea Party Republican anymore, and if grass-roots challengers are losing more races it's because they've succeeded in yanking the party far enough to the right that there isn't any space for them to fill.

These are the two narratives that swirled around the GOP after last Tuesday's primaries, and both contain a measure of truth. But there's a third way to look at the State of the Tea Party, circa 2014, which is that the movement's political legacy still has a big To Be Determined sticker on it.

To understand why, think about another recent grass-roots movement that reshaped our politics: the netroots/Deaniac/anti-war insurgency, which roiled the Democratic Party between 2003 and the ascendance of Barack Obama.

In a 2008 article for The Nation, the future MSNBC host Chris Hayes profiled some of that insurgency's activists. He found that while they were (as you would expect) liberal or left-leaning, they were also people who had been mostly apolitical until the Bush era, and who had been prodded into activism by the Iraq-era sense that Something

Had Gone Wrong, that an America they took for granted was suddenly imperiled.

This is a useful way to think about Tea Party activism as well. The movement was always essentially right-wing, which is why it was embraced (and, at times, exploited) by the right's pre-existing network of professionals and pressure groups. But it changed Republican politics precisely because it mobilized Americans who were new to political activism and agitation, and who behaved like people awakened from a slumber to a situation they no longer recognized. Wait, we bailed out Wall Street ... ? Our deficits are ... how big? And this Barack Hussein Obama, where did he come from? This mix of passion and paranoia, commitment and confusion, explains why the Tea Party's precise ideological lineaments were so hard for many observers to discern, why its leaders were so varied - libertarians and evangelicals, entitlement reformers and ex-witches - and why all the attempts to essentialize the movement (as libertarian or authoritarian, anti-Wall Street or pro-Wall Street, pro-military or pro-defense cuts, pro-Medicare or anti-New Deal) didn't capture its complexity.

Thus Paul Ryan's green-eyeshaded Medicare blueprints and Herman Cain's fanciful 9-9-9 plan were both "Tea Party" phenomena. Likewise Glenn Beck's conspiracy-scrawled blackboards and his teary, apolitical Washington Mall consciousness-raising. Likewise Ron Paul's and Rick Santorum's presidential campaigns, in which two ideologically dissimilar Republican politicians both claimed a "Tea Party" mantle.

Likewise Mitt Romney ... well, no, actually, the one thing about Republican politics that pretty clearly wasn't "Tea Party" was the man the GOP ultimately nominated in 2012.

And therein lies a crucial difference between the left-wing insurgency of the Bush era and the right-wing insurgency of the

last five years. It isn't just that the Bush-era Democratic Party didn't end up as imprisoned by its insurgents' self-destructive tendencies. (The anti-war movement did not produce a government shutdown, for instance.) It's also that the Democrats found, in Barack Obama, a liberal politician who could transmute the anger of the Michael Moore/Cindy Sheehan era into a more uplifting message, and transform a left-vs.-center civil war into a new center-left majority.

For Republicans, no such transformative conservative politician has emerged. But - and this is why the Tea Party's legacy is unfinished - there are several politicians, all elected as insurgents and all potential presidential candidates in 2016, who still aspire to be the Tea Party's version of Obama: Marco Rubio, Rand Paul and Ted Cruz. And because each embodies different facets of the Tea Party phenomenon, each would write a very different conclusion to its story.

A Rubio victory would probably make the Tea Party seem a little less ideological in hindsight, a little more Middle American and populist, and more like a course correction after George W. Bush's "compassionate conservatism" than a transformative event.

A Cruz triumph would lend itself to a more ideological reading of the Tea Party's impact, but one that fit readily into existing categories: It would suggest that Tea Party-ism was essentially the old Reagan catechism in a tricorne hat, movement conservatism under a "don't tread on me" banner.

A Paul victory would write a starkly libertarian conclusion to the Tea Party's story, making it seem much more revolutionary - a true break with both Reaganism and Bushism, with an uncertain future waiting beyond.

And what about a Jeb Bush victory, you say? Well, then maybe it will be time to talk, not about the Tea Party's unsettled legacy, but about its actual defeat. □

The Upshot:

Is College Worth It? Clearly Yes, New Data Says

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Some newly minted college graduates struggle to find work. Others accept jobs for which they feel overqualified. Student debt, meanwhile, has topped \$1 trillion.

It's enough to create a wave of questions about whether a college education is still worth it.

A new set of income statistics answers those questions quite clearly: Yes, college is worth it, and it's not even close. For all the struggles that many young college graduates face, a four-year degree has probably never been more valuable.

The pay gap between college graduates and everyone else reached a record high year, according to the new data, which are based on an analysis of Labor Department statistics by the Economic Policy Institute in Washington. Americans with four-year college degrees made 98 percent more an hour on average in 2013 than people without a degree. That's up from 89 percent five years earlier, 85 percent a decade earlier and 64 percent in the early 1980s.

There is nothing inevitable about this trend. If there were more college graduates than the economy needed, the pay gap would shrink. The gap's recent growth is especially notable because it has come after a rise in the number of college graduates, partly because many people went back to school during the Great Recession. That the pay gap has nonetheless continued growing means that we're still not producing enough of them.

"We have too few college graduates," says David Autor, an MIT economist, who was not involved in the Economic Policy Institute's analysis. "We also have too few people who are prepared for college."

It's important to emphasize these shortfalls because public discussion today - for which we in the media deserve some responsibility - often focuses on the undeniable fact that a bachelor's degree does not guarantee success. But of course it doesn't. Nothing guarantees success, especially after 15 years of disappointing economic growth and rising inequality.

When experts and journalists spent so much time talking about the limitations of education, they almost certainly are discouraging some teenagers from going to college

and some adults from going back to earn degrees. (Those same experts and journalists are sending their own children to college and often obsessing over which one.) The decision not to attend college for fear that it's a bad deal is among the most economically irrational decisions anybody could make in 2014.

The much-discussed cost of college doesn't change this fact. According to a paper by Autor published Thursday in the journal *Science*, the true cost of a college degree

differences between college graduates and nongraduates - differences that would exist regardless of schooling. Yet other research, comparing otherwise similar people who did and did not graduate from college, has also found that education brings a huge return.

In a similar vein, the new Economic Policy Institute numbers show that the benefits of college are going not only to graduates of elite colleges, who typically go on to earn graduate degrees. The wage

legue graduates who took out loans, average debt is about \$25,000, a sum that is a tiny fraction of the economic benefits of college. (My own student debt, as it happens, was almost identical to this figure, in inflation-adjusted terms.) And the unemployment rate in April for people between 25 and 34 years old with a bachelor's degree was a mere 3 percent.

I find the data from the Economic Policy Institute especially telling because the institute - a left-leaning research

stopped in 2002."

From the country's perspective, education can be only part of the solution to our economic problems. We also need to find other means for lifting living standards - not to mention ways to provide good jobs for people without college degrees.

But from almost any individual's perspective, college is a no-brainer. It's the most reliable ticket to the middle class and beyond. Those who question the value of college tend to be those with the luxury of



A student on campus at Bryan College in Dayton, Tenn., in May, 2014. Some college graduates struggle to find work, while others accept jobs for which they feel overqualified. Student debt, meanwhile, has topped \$1 trillion. It's enough to create a wave of questions about whether a college education is still worth it. A new set of income statistics answers those questions quite clearly: Yes, college is worth it, and it's not even close.

(Shawn Poynter/The New York Times)

is about negative \$500,000. That's right: Over the long run, college is cheaper than free. Not going to college will cost you about half a million dollars.

Autor's paper - building on work by economists Christopher Avery and Sarah Turner - arrives at that figure first by calculating the very real cost of tuition and fees. This amount is then subtracted from the lifetime gap between the earnings of college graduates and high school graduates. After adjusting for inflation and the time value of money, the net cost of college is negative \$500,000, roughly double what it was three decades ago.

This calculation is necessarily imprecise, because it can't control for any pre-existing

gap between people with only a bachelor's degree and people without such a degree has also kept rising.

Tellingly, though, the wage premium for people who have attended college without earning a bachelor's degree - a group that includes community-college graduates - has not been rising. The big economic returns go to people with four-year degrees. Those returns underscore the importance of efforts to reduce the college dropout rate.

But what about all those alarming stories you hear about indebted, jobless college graduates?

The anecdotes may be real, yet the conventional wisdom often exaggerates the problem. Among four-year col-

group - makes a point of arguing that education is not the solution to all of the economy's problems. That is important, too. College graduates, like almost everyone else, are suffering from the economy's weak growth and from the disproportionate share of this growth flowing to the very richest households.

The average hourly wage for college graduates has risen only 1 percent over the past decade, to about \$32.60. The pay gap has grown mostly because the average wage for everyone else has fallen - 5 percent, to about \$16.50.

"To me, the picture is people in almost every kind of job not being able to see their wages grow," Lawrence Mishel, the institute's president, told me. "Wage growth essentially

knowing their own children will attend it.

Not so many decades ago, high school was considered the frontier of education. Some people even argued that it was a waste to encourage Americans from humble backgrounds to spend four years of life attending high school. Today, obviously, the notion that everyone should attend 13 years of school is indisputable.

But there is nothing magical about 13 years of education. As the economy becomes more technologically complex, the amount of education that people need will rise. At some point, 15 years or 17 years of education will make more sense as a universal goal. That point, in fact, has already arrived. □